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TRUMP'S GAZA PEACE PLAN FACES CRUCIAL VOTE TODAY AT UNSC

The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) will vote on Monday on a resolution endorsing US President Donald Trump's Gaza peace plan

'NO' VOTE EQUALS SUPPORT FOR HAMAS: US

The US last week began negotiations within the 15-member Security Council on a draft resolution. "Any refusal to back this resolution is a vote either for the continued reign of Hamas terrorists or for a return to war with Israel, condemning the region and its people to perpetual conflict," US ambassador to UN Mike Waltz wrote in *The Washington Post* | P12

DRAFT MENTIONS FUTURE PALESTINIAN STATE

- The draft backs Trump's 20-point ceasefire plan, which proposes the creation of a Board of Peace under his leadership and a stabilisation force. It mentions a possible future Palestinian state
- Speaking at a Cabinet meeting on Sunday, Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu reiterated the opposition to a Palestinian state

5 pm

LOCAL TIME ON MONDAY IS WHEN THE UNSC WILL VOTE ON U.S. RESOLUTION

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NDA firms up formula for Bihar govt formation

BJP expected to get 15-16 ministers, JD(U) 14 and LJP(RV) 3; buzz on one of the two deputy CM posts going to LJP(RV)

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

BIHAR Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Sunday held a series of meetings with National Democratic Alliance (NDA) leaders at his official residence in Patna to discuss the formation of a new government after the ruling alliance secured a three-fourth majority, winning 202 out of 243 seats, in the Assembly elections.

Union minister of state for home Nityanand Rai and Rashtriya Lok Morcha (RLM) chief and Rajya Sabha MP Upendra Kushwaha were among those who met Nitish. Earlier, he convened discussions with senior JD(U) leaders and all newly elected MLAs. JD(U) MP Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh also attended.

Sources said the NDA would follow the same formula for portfolio allocation as it did for ticket distribution. Nitish Kumar's JD(U) will retain the Chief Minister's post, while the BJP and Chirag Paswan's LJP (Ram Vilas) are likely to get one Deputy CM each.

As per the cabinet-sharing formula, the BJP is expected to get

BJP supporters celebrate NDA's victory in the Bihar Legislative Assembly elections, in Patna, on Sunday | PTI

15-16 ministerial berths, the JD(U) around 14, the LJP (RV) three, and Jitan Ram Manjhi's HAM and Upendra Kushwaha's RLM one each. "During the ticket distribution, for every MP, an NDA partner was given five-six assembly seats. So, it is likely that the same formula may be in place for cabinet berths," said a senior BJP leader. With 85 MLAs, the JD(U) could secure 14 berths besides the CM post.

Deputy CM Vijay Kumar Sinha is likely to be replaced by LJP (RV) state president Raju Tiwari, elected from Govindganj, while former Union Minister Ram Kripal Yadav, who won from Danapur, is being considered for the same post from the BJP's side.

In the recently-concluded Assembly election, the NDA swept aside the Mahagathbandhan, with BJP emerging as the single-largest party, winning 89 seats. JD(U) followed with 85, LJP (RV) 19, HAM five, and RLM four. The RJD-led combine could muster only 35 seats.

The JD(U) has instructed all its MLAs to remain in Patna from Monday onwards. Nitish is expected to recommend dissolution of the current cabinet on Monday before submitting his resignation to the Governor. This could be followed by the NDA meeting, sources said. Nitish could take oath as Chief Minister for a record tenth time on Wednesday or Thursday, depending on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's availability.

Preparations for the oath ceremony have begun at the historic Gandhi Maidan in Patna. P10

3 more daughters move out of Lalu's residence

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

THE turbulence within the Rashtriya Janata Dal's (RJD) first family deepened on Sunday, a day after Lalu Prasad's daughter Rohini Acharya announced her decision to quit politics and sever ties with her family.

What began as a single outburst has now snowballed into a full-blown family crisis. Three more of Lalu's daughters—Rajlakshmi, Ragini and Chanda—left the family's 10, Circular Road residence in Patna early Monday, taking their children and flying to Delhi. Sources said their departure reflected growing distress over the recent turmoil.

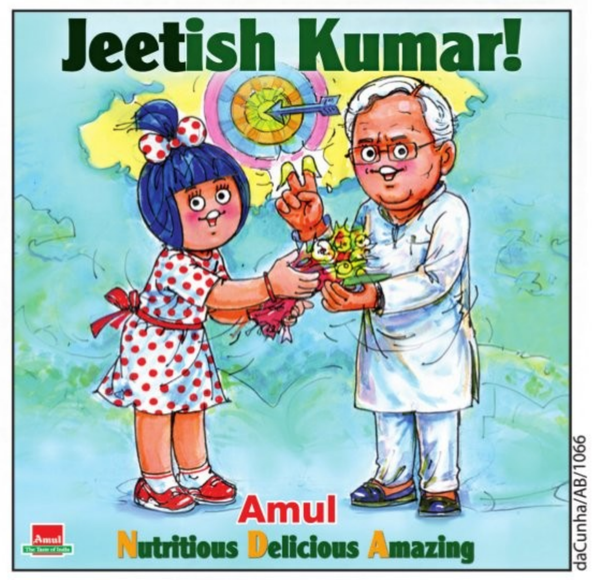
On Sunday, Tej Pratap Yadav, who heads the newly launched Janshakti Janata Dal (JJD), issued an emotional appeal to his father and a veiled warning to those he termed "traitors." He said, "Yesterday's incident has shaken me to the core. What happened to my sister is unbearable." Without naming anyone, he accused "new faces" of clouding Tejashwi Yadav's judgment and warned that the consequences of "this injustice will be grave."

"I urge my father to intervene for the family's honour," he said.

Neither Tejashwi nor his advisor, RJD MP Sanjay Yadav, has responded to Rohini's allegations linking them to the family's discord. RJD managed just 25 seats in the recent Assembly polls.

Rohini, who contested the 2024 Lok Sabha polls from Saran, alleged harassment and threats from Sanjay Yadav and his associate Rameez.

With Rajlakshmi, Ragini, and Chanda's exit, only Lalu, Rabri Devi, and Misa Bharti remain at the family home, which was once the nerve centre of RJD's politics.



Colour and song return to climate talks in Brazil

SOUMYA SARKAR @ Belém (Brazil)

THE gypsies invariably brought colour and magic to the grey city of Macondo in One Hundred Years of Solitude. Belém is no Macondo living in isolation and innocence, neither are the indigenous people and climate activists who joined the "Great People's March"on Saturday at halfway point of the UN climate summit the wandering Roma.

But the tens of thousands marching through the streets of the Amazonian host city demanding climate action did splash a vibrant palette of colours and added song and dance to the otherwise grey proceedings at the conference venue of Parque da Cidade.

Through the late morning hours, the procession stretched for kilometres—a river of red, white, yellow and green flags flowing past watching crowds leaning from balconies to capture the spectacle on their phones. The streets pulsed with drumbeats and chants as protest transformed into celebration, grief into performance.

In the most gothic part of the procession, demonstrators carried enormous coffins marked for oil, coal and gas. A 30-metre inflatable serpent wound through the marchers, an enormous anaconda symbolising the sacred and iconic Amazonian creature. A giant balloon painted as Earth bobbed on the streets while sound systems on trucks blared everything from Brazilian samba to socialist anthems.

The joy was deliberate, the defiance unmistakable. This was the first major protest outside UN climate talks since Glasgow four years ago. CONTINUED ON: P9

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FOR GAMBHIR AND CO, IT'S PITCH DARK AT HOME

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Kolkata

EVEN before the presentation ceremony was over, the ground staff at the Eden Gardens, as if to carry out a meta joke, watered the square. With natural light dying, the 22 yards was properly bathed, a dark sheen shimmering in the distance. It was the first time the strip had been hydrated since last Saturday, over a week ago.

You can draw a straight line between the Indian team's decision to not water the pitch to losing a fourth Test in eight home games since Gautam Gambhir was appointed to the post last year (decisions like not watering the strip are usually made by the leadership group, something that happened in Kolkata as well). "This (the pitch) is what we wanted," Gambhir after the match. "This is what we got."

With the ball misbehaving from as early as the first over on Day 1, both teams knew they were in for a dogfight. India have flipped-flopped on the kind of pitches they want but it had seemed like they were going away from this model.

However, Sunday was a sharp reminder of how spectacularly it can backfire. So, why did the Indian team go back to a designer surface for the visit of South Africa after playing on two typical sub-continental decks against West Indies? Was it because of the stakes of WTC points? Was it because of their somewhat inexperienced batting line-up? Was it to take the toss out of the equation even if they have lost on these tracks after losing the toss? Gambhir defended the pitch by saying the batters should be able to absorb pressure. He called it more mental than skill. But after a point, survival is nigh on impossible. And that is no way for the game to be played. With less than one week to regroup — the next Test starts in Guwahati on Saturday — how will the team management dig themselves out of a hole of their own choosing? P15

South Africa players celebrate their win over India in the first Test at Kolkata on Sunday | SAYANTAN GHOSH

Spirit of
Unification
Rajyotsava month is a celebration and we are bringing a 12-page special supplement with this edition.

EXPRESS READ

90% of city's STPs not working: KSPCB chief

Bengaluru: KSPCB Chairman PM Narendra Swamy on Sunday said nearly 90% of Bengaluru's Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) are not functioning and called for immediate attention. He said a multi-agency joint action team is being formed to restore the plants and curb pollution | P2

RSS holds route march in Chittapur peacefully

Kalaburagi: RSS volunteers conducted the Patha Sanchalana (route march) for 1.3 km in Chittapur town from 3 pm till 5 pm on Sunday, without violating any of the norms laid down by the high court bench. The police allowed 350 volunteers whose names had been given by RSS | P6

Cong to meet state heads where SIR under way

New Delhi: Amid the Bihar poll debacle and its "vote chori" pitch, the Congress has called a review meeting on November 18 of in-charges, state unit chiefs, Congress Legislature Party leaders and secretaries of 12 states and union territories where Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls is under way | P9

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

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Deputy Minister, Digital Affairs, Poland

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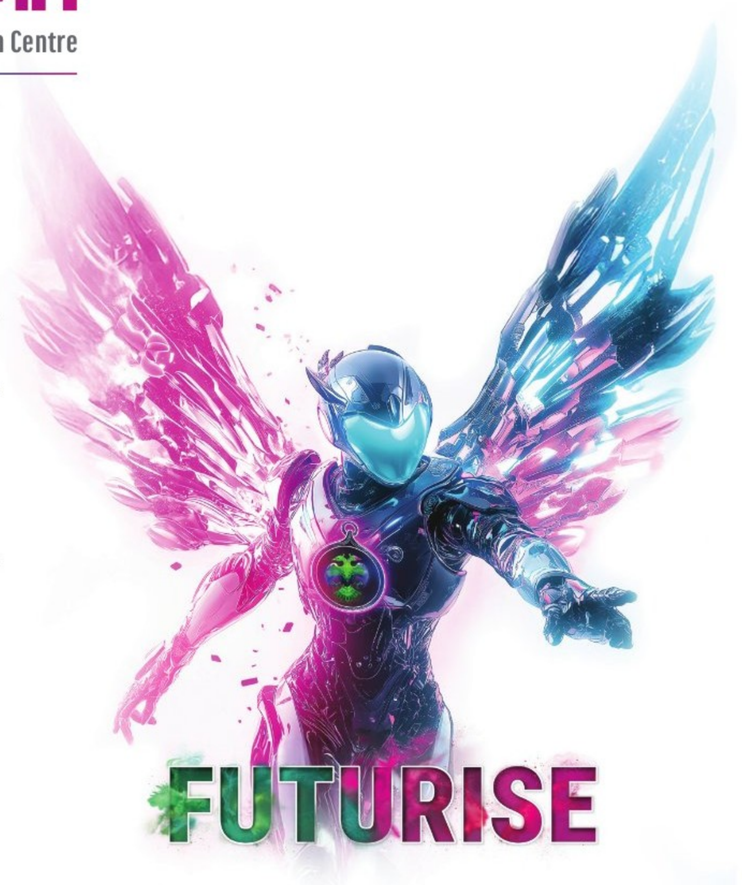

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• **Nakshatra:** Chittha 5.16 am • Moon in Tula Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 07:30 am to 09:00 am
• **Gulikakala:** 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • **Yamaganda:** 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER

MIN 15°C | MAX 26°C

FORECAST Cloudy

Sunrise 06.19 am
Sunset 05.50 pm
Moonrise 03.47 am
Moonset 03.46 pm

90% OF CITY'S STPs NOT FUNCTIONAL: KSPCB CHIEF

Says multi-agency team being formed to restore plants, curb pollution

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

KARNATAKA State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) Chairman PM Narendra Swamy on Sunday said that nearly 90% of Bengaluru's Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) are not functioning, calling it one of the city's biggest environmental failures, which requires immediate attention. He said a multi-agency joint action team is being formed to restore the plants and curb pollution.

Narendra Swamy, who is also Malavalli MLA, said the board has sought chief minister Siddaramaiah's intervention. "I have already sought time with the chief minister. I want to brief him on the issues in our department. I have sent questions to all officers concerned so that replies are ready. Once presented, he will make a decision to form a joint action team that will include officials from Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) and Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB)," he said.

Swamy said he is also considering involving the Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) in the scheme. "KIADB develops industrial areas, but there are no Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETPs). Without CETPs, where is industrial waste going," he asked.

Asked if the city's STPs can take the total load, he said they are overloaded, are under-capacity, and in many cases not functioning at all. The board is planning to install CCTV cameras at every STP, connected directly to KSPCB's eight regional offices. "Only then will we have control," he said.

He lamented that untreated sewage is still flowing into water bodies in different parts of the city despite the board marking its 50th anniversary.

He attributed lcak of enforcement to severe staff shortage. "We are filling nearly 80% of current vacancies — over 250 posts across all cadres," he said.

On the recent closure order issued to Jollywood Studios, where Bigg Boss Kannada was being shot, for violating environmental norms, Swamy said the establishment has responded promising corrective measures. "The KSPCB will still impose a hefty penalty. It be over Rs 30 crore," he said.

5 to receive eco-awards

The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB), marking 50 years of its establishment, will hold its Golden Jubilee valedictory celebrations in Bengaluru on November 18 and 19. Chairman PM Narendra Swamy said five individuals will receive the State-level Indira Priyadarshini Environment Award for their contributions to environmental protection.

A seminar on Circular Economy and Sustainability will open the event on November 18, featuring discussions on wastewater treatment, solid waste management, e-waste, plastic waste, construction debris and extended producer responsibility. Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar will inaugurate the programme. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will take part in the valedictory on November 19 at Palace Grounds.

District-level awards have also been presented as part of the celebrations. Swamy said the golden jubilee aims to raise awareness about environmental laws, honour Indira Gandhi's legacy, and encourage youth participation through competitions and outreach programmes.

All roads lead to Basavanagudi for Kadalekai Parishe

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THE streets and bylanes of Basavanagudi are all set to come alive with stalls and decorative lights as the historic Kadalekai Parishe (groundnut fair) will kick off on Monday. The fair will be plastic-free this year, and organisers expect heavy footfall as numerous cultural programmes have been lined up for the Parishe which has been extended for five days from the usual two.

As per tradition, farmers from across Karnataka and neighbouring states have arrived with their first groundnut harvest to offer at the Dodda Basavana Temple. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will inaugurate the fair in the presence of Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar and Muzrai Minister Ramalinga Reddy.

A groundnut vendor keeps her stock ready for the inaugural of the five-day Kadalekai Parishe that will begin in Basavanagudi on Monday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

As the annual fair begins, traders around the heritage neighbourhood said the Parishe brings a mix of disruption and opportunity for local businesses. While some shops witness a brief dip in sales, most describe the festival's impact as overwhelmingly positive due to the surge in visitors exploring the narrow lanes and increased spending.

Speaking to *TNIE*, Venkatesh of Basavanagudi Traders' Association said stores dealing in plastic goods, crockery, kitchenware, ironware and fancy items report slower business during the 10-12 days of festivities, even though the government officially declared the fair for five days. "Sales drop for us because vendors bring similar items to the fair. But it's just once a year — so we don't mind a small loss," he added.

On the other hand, eateries, juice shops, bakeries, street-food vendors and restaurants see a sharp rise in customers. "If business reduces on one side, it increases on the other. Footfall shoots up, and many people return later to buy after exploring the fair," he stated.

Mohandas Pai urges long-term CEO, pvt sector leadership for BMRCL

Bengaluru: Former Infosys CFO TV Mohandas Pai on Sunday urged DCM D K Shivakumar to overhaul the leadership structure of the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (BMRCL), stressing the need for a stable, long-term CEO and stronger private-sector representation on its board. Responding to the DCM's post about the proposed 40-km double-decker road planned along upcoming Metro corridors, Pai cautioned that such large infrastructure projects could face delays and overruns unless BMRCL undergoes systemic reform. "This is good, but BMRCL has failed to deliver any project on time and within budget. This will fail again and have huge cost overruns if managed the same way," Pai said. He urged the government to appoint a competent CEO with a minimum eight-year tenure instead of frequently transferred IAS officers, and to induct experienced private-sector CEOs into the board. **ENS**

PROJECT WALKALURU

Obstacles on Jayanagar footpaths: South Corpn chief orders clean-up

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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BENGALURU South City Commissioner (BSCC) Ramesh KN, who took part in a footpath walk in and around Jayanagar 4th and 5th Blocks, organised by Project Walkaluru in association with BSCC on Sunday, found obstacles at 22 spots on the footpaths.

At ten spots, he found footpaths occupied by construction material and instructed building owners to immediately clear it. He found footpaths not repaired in five spots, and at two places, they were encroached by shops. He also found cars parked on footpaths, blocking the pathway.

The commissioner gave directions to officials to ensure all 22 complaints he found during the walk were addressed immediately.

Health checks

Under the initiative of Bengaluru Central City Corporation (BCCC), a health check-up programme was organised for pourakarmikas, auto tipper drivers and loaders who work tirelessly to keep the city clean, beautiful and hygienic.

The health screenings commenced on Sunday morning at 73 locations — including 45 Namma Clinics and 28 Urban Primary Health Centres.

Additional Commissioner (Development), Bengaluru Central City Corporation, Daljit Kumar said, "Safeguarding the health of those who maintain the city's cleanliness is our prime duty. All sanitation workers will receive comprehensive health examinations."

Bengaluru South City Corporation Commissioner Ramesh KN, along with officials, inspects a footpath in Jayanagar on Sunday | EXPRESS

EXPRESS READ

Ekya launches K-12 nature-based learning school

Bengaluru: Ekya Schools has launched Ekya Vana, a new K-12 institution built around nature-based learning, with a stated focus on conservation and sustainability. Announced during the school network's FIND Festival 2025, the campus is designed as a "living ecosystem" where environmental themes are integrated into daily learning. According to the institution, Ekya Vana is its second purpose-based school after Ekya Nava. The new school is being introduced at a time when climate change and biodiversity loss are key concerns in education policy and urban planning. Tristha Ramamurthy, founder and managing director, Ekya Schools, said the school will include masterclasses, camps and other experiential programmes intended to connect students with real-world ecological issues. Ekya Vana will offer a full K-12 programme and is positioned as a school centred on sustainability-oriented learning rather than conventional classroom-based instruction. **ENS**

PNB generates Rs 114cr at retail outeach event

Bengaluru: Punjab National Bank (PNB), Bangalore Circle, conducted a Retail Outreach Programme at the Koramangala Club in the city. The event was inaugurated by Rakesh Singh, Chairman of RERA Karnataka, along with Ashish Karmarkar, General Manager, Punjab National Bank, Head Office, New Delhi. More than 100 customers attended the programme and interacted with bank officials on housing, car and gold loans, as well as other retail schemes. The event generated leads worth Rs 114 crore. Around 15 reputed builders and seven leading car dealers set up stalls showcasing a range of housing projects and vehicle options aligned with PNB's loan offerings. The programme highlighted PNB's focus on strengthening customer engagement, expanding its retail business, and supporting homebuyers and vehicle buyers through transparent and customer-friendly banking solutions. **ENS**

Despite GBA doubling enforcement drives, smoking ban has little effect

AKNISREE KARTHIK @Bengaluru

DESPITE the ban, smoking in public places continues unabated. Though the Greater Bengaluru Authority's (GBA) tobacco control cell has almost doubled its enforcement drives under the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (COTPA) Act compared to previous years, the scenario on the ground continues as if there is no ban.

Right from residential streets to main roads and from bus stops to markets, citizens complained that there is no check on smoking in public. "Every day, from morning till late night, we see people sitting on the stairs of a building adjacent to our home and smoking. The cigarette and bidi smoke directly enter our homes. My two children are forced to be passive smokers. We reported to the local police, however, smoking continues and we are the sufferers," said a homemaker residing in Azad Nagar, who did not wish to be named.

While this is the situation in residential areas, commercial areas fared even worse. "There are multiple small and big offices on Cunningham Road. We see people smoking heavily

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

round-the-clock. Given their brazen attitude, it gives the impression that the police and the GBA are hand-in-glove in permitting public smoking," said Suresh Kumar, an engineer.

S J Chander, convenor of Consortium for Tobacco Free Karnataka, which is working on tobacco control in the state since 2000, said, "In our country, when it comes to smoking in public places, both the educated and the uneducated behave the same. People know that they should not smoke in public, but the compulsive and addictive nature of tobacco makes it difficult to resist."

Stating that the solution to public smoking must be multipronged, Chander said the GBA must strengthen penalisation drives and also ensure that tobacco vending is done only by licensed vendors. This way, there will be fear among vendors that if they allow their customers to smoke next to their shops, they would not only invite hefty fines, but if there are repeated violations, their vendor licence would be suspended, he added.

Officials from the tobacco cell maintained that they have doubled the enforcement drives to prevent public smoking. "From April 2024 to March 2025, we carried out 246 drives. For smoking in public places (Section 4 of COTPA), we collected Rs 3.54 lakh in 1,724 cases and for selling tobacco within a 100-yard radius of education institutions (Section 6 B of COTPA), we collected Rs 36,050 fine. This year, within 6 months (between April and September), we have carried out 272 drives. We found 727 people smoking in public places and collected Rs 3.47 lakh fine from them (as the fine amount has been increased)."

Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHIS

17th November : Intuitive Trines As the sun forms lucky trines with Jupiter, and then Saturn, it's time to ask what your goal is really about. It's not what you want but why that matters. Wanting recognition may mask a wish to be seen as lovable. Wanting success may mask a wish to feel safe and free. Name the unconscious wish so you can decide whether to pursue the outer goal or meet the inner need more directly.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Sometimes you want to pull back from social life entirely, and that's normal. It can be draining to keep caring, giving, explaining yourself, to keep managing it all. Your nervous system needs rest. Solitude isn't isolation; it's a reset.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)
Great ideas always look easier than they are. Before a brilliant plan turns into a headache of details, recruit help. Shared effort keeps the project fun instead of frustrating.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)
Your confessor energy is strong today. People feel safe to tell you more than you wanted to know. It's not always easy being everyone's confessional, but remember, it happens because you radiate trust. Listening is a powerful kind of leadership.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
Your heightened awareness is an extraordinary asset now. You're reading rooms and intuiting motives. Nothing gets by you. The only downside is sensory overload. Protect your gift by balancing your activities with serene rest.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
The virtue that most protects you from regret is patience. It's one of the hardest virtues to cultivate. Clock every instance you could have reacted impulsively, but didn't. Life will reward patience eventually, but you should reward it more often.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
One of the hardest things for you to tolerate is intolerance. Exposure to many ways of thinking has stretched your mind wide. Where others cling to certainty, you offer curiosity -- the quiet rebellion that keeps the world evolving.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
Seek advice, friendship, and news from many different sources. Every new voice expands your understanding and sharpens your intuition. The wider your circle of input, the more effective, empathetic, and powerful you become.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)
Your imagination is like a house that comes alive when you visit. A blank page or canvas -- a daydream, a melody or bright conversation -- all invitations to use and enjoy your luxurious imagination. And if you extend the stay, even better.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
Today's situations can't be understood in simple black-and-white terms like good or bad. Don't moralize. Evaluate, factoring in subtler factors like context, perspective, timing, personality, culture and personal taste. Lead with sensitivity and flexibility of mind.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
Scarcity drives demand. It's not only basic economics; it's also easy magic. Today, you're in limited supply, and that's exactly why your time, attention and talent is so precious. Don't rush to give more; highlight the rarity.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
Disagreements needn't be solved right away. In fact, not every difference demands resolution. Today it will be better to focus on trust, affection and common ground even when you disagree. Stay connected through the tension and it may soften naturally.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar 20)
Success isn't determined by resources; it's determined by intention and integrity. Some thrive even when they have almost nothing, while others struggle despite abundant advantages. Life responds not to what you have, but to how you use it.

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle ⬇

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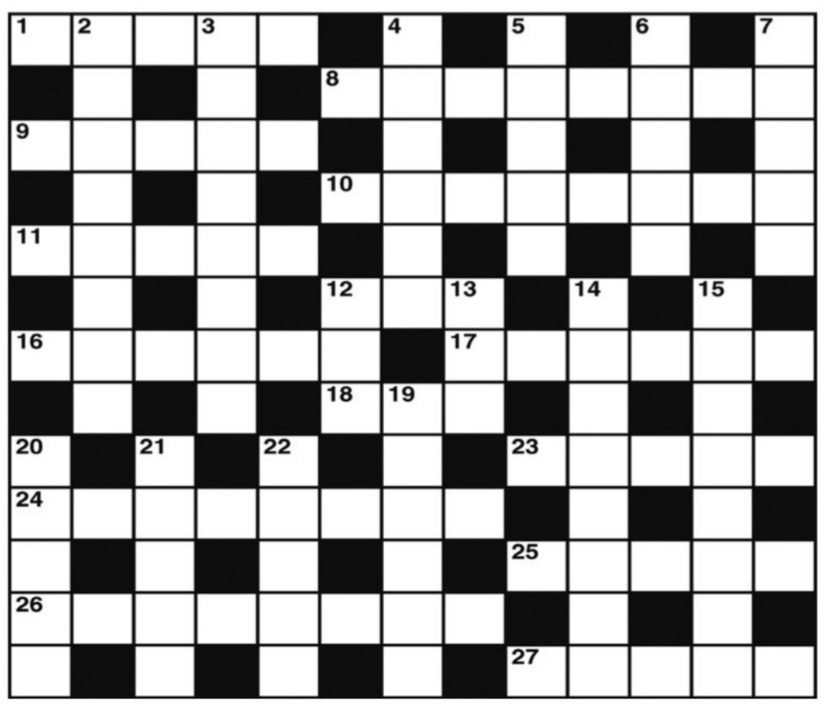

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ACROSS

1 Get down to an unofficial occupation (5)
8 He'll be only a second (6-2)
9 Game displayed in dishes (5)
10 Mean error puts it just off target (4,4)
11 Hurl down slope (5)
12 Somewhat curious kind of runner (3)
16 Arch no different from others (6)
17 Two companies joining together on a silk product (6)
18 Not a slow service but it may count as one (3)
23 Very musical (5)
24 On the edge of alarming change (8)
25 Move furtively like a sinuous snake (5)
26 How teams are arranged to a certain extent (8)
27 Make a speech offering nought per cent (5)

DOWN

2 Not quite free to show result of division (8)
3 Distribute mixture of local tea (8)
4 Be in luck in Germany (6)
5 Sleep soundly (5)
6 A girl emerges as object of chivalrous attention (5)
7 A fit start perhaps (5)
12 South Pennsylvania resort (3)
13 There'll be talk if it's broken (3)
14 Vessel that crosses the bar? (8)
15 Close to agreement (8)
19 A tie broadly speaking (6)
20 In France it appears friendship is wrong (5)
21 State of mind - or body (5)
22 The prospects for battered wives (5)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Incoherent, 6 Page, 10 Tulip, 11 Roman nose, 12 Recorder, 13 Tunic, 15 Outlaws, 17 Lancers, 19 Toddles, 21 Cheapen, 22 Avril, 24 Cemetery, 27 Libraries, 28 Ennui, 29 Ruth, 30 In good form.

Down: 1 Iota, 2 Collected, 3 Hippo, 4 Reredos, 5 Numeral, 7 Acorn, 8 Exercising, 9 Instance, 14 Footballer, 16 All clear, 18 Esperanto, 20 Section, 21 Comes to, 23 Rebut, 25 Tread, 26 Firm.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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Saturday's Jumbles: WORLD LADLE SWEATY CLAMOR
Answer: When the carpet store had a huge sale, customers were — WALL-TO-WALL

A 25-year-old software engineer died and his friend was injured, after the rider lost control of his speeding bike and collided with a road divider. The incident occurred near Phase 1 of Electronics City on Sunday. The deceased is Vishal, a resident of Gollahalli and a native of Uttar Pradesh. He worked at an IT firm in the city and was heading home with his friend around 4am

Hostlers narrate their woes to Upa Lokayukta Justice KN Phaneendra at Dr BR Ambedkar Government Post-Matric Girls' Hostel near Manuvana in Vijayanagar, Bengaluru | EXPRESS

Lokayukta teams find zero privacy in girls' hostels

Inmates complain of lack of partitions, window panes, hot water

YATHIRAJU @ Bengaluru

THE three-day simultaneous surprise visit by Lokayukta teams to the 34 state-run hostels in Bengaluru city pointed out how the state authorities are insensitive to the issues of girls, privacy in particular.

In a classic instance, in the Post-Matric Backwards Classes Girls' Hostel run by the Backwards Classes department at Laggere, there is no privacy since the girls have no rooms to change their clothes and keep their things. The state is paying a rent of Rs 2.30 lakh every month for the four-storey private building being used as a hostel. The Lokayukta was informed by the authorities present that it was impossible to get buildings with separate rooms for hostels, after it was resolved to rent out private buildings without advance money.

Among four floors, the ground floor is being used as a reading room by the girls, the first floor as a kitchen and dining hall. The remaining two floors are used to accommodate 50 students each -- on each floor, 25 bunker cots are set up.

The girls have to keep their belongings below the cots since no lockers or almirahs are provided. It is also appalling that the girls have no privacy to change their clothes, because there are no separate rooms on the entire floor.

Narrating their grievances to Lokayukta Justice BS Patil, the girls told him they experience severe embarrassment when they have to change their clothes. The Lokayukta directed the authorities to immediately make compartments or partitions on the floors to ensure privacy for the girls.

In another instance, window panes are not fixed on bathroom windows at the Dr BR Ambedkar Government Post-Matric Girls' Hostel run by the Social Welfare department, near Manuvana in Vijayanagar. Drawing the attention of Upa Lokayukta Justice KN Phaneendra during his visit, the girls said it was very embarrassing for them to take a bath, as there is no privacy.

Upset with the insensitivity of the authorities, the Upa Lokayukta directed them to fix window panes for bathrooms on priority, or he would write to the state government and recommend immediate action against the errant officials.

Meanwhile, Backward Classes department authorities informed the Lokayukta that approval has been given to construct six buildings in Bengaluru North taluk.

The 29 teams led by Lokayukta Justice BS Patil, Upa Lokayuktas Justice KN Phaneendra and Justice B Veerappa have been checking irregularities in hostels in the city since November 13.

During the inspections, students have narrated their plight, such as unhygienic toilets, expired medicines in the first-aid box, defunct geysers which leave them with neither solar water nor hot water to bathe, lack of libraries and computers, out-of-order fridges, rotten vegetables used for cooking, shortage of food, etc.

54L visitors, ₹4.8cr revenue – Krishi Mela a big hit

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE four-day Krishi Mela concluded at the GKVK campus on Sunday, registering a total footfall of around 54 lakh and revenue of Rs 4.77 crore.

Organised by the University of Agricultural Sciences, the stalls, exhibitions and demonstrations at the event attracted farmers, agriculture enthusiasts, students and the general public.

The final day featured a farmer-to-farmer discussion on 'Indigenous Breeds and Agricultural Practices'. During the valedictory ceremony, the Dr MH Marigowda National Endowment Award for Outstanding Horticultural Research, the Dr MH Marigowda State Award for Best Horticulture Farmer and the Dr R Dwarakinath State Award for Best Farmer were presented to achievers from across Karnataka.

Farmers showcase their oxen on the final day of the Krishi Mela at GKVK campus in Bengaluru on Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Speaking on the occasion, Agriculture Minister and UAS Bengaluru Pro-Chancellor N Cheluvarayaswamy said farmers are not just food producers but also generators of employment. He noted that the government has launched several new schemes to strengthen the farming sector and praised the Krishi Mela for enabling farmers to directly consult scientists and find solutions to their challenges.

"We must farm in harmony with nature. The life of environmentalist Saalumarada Thimmakka should inspire today's generation. Let us protect soil, conserve water and practice eco-friendly agriculture so that we leave behind a fertile land for the future," he said, congratulating all award recipients and those who made the event a success.

Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda described Krishi Mela as "a festival of science" rather than just an exhibition. "The smiles of farmers, active participation of women and guidance from scientists have given life to this mela. With over 750 stalls and lakhs of visitors, the event showcases the strength, potential and future of Karnataka's agriculture sector," he said. He added that the award-winning farmers would serve as role models for young cultivators and encouraged farmers to adopt the technologies demonstrated at the mela.

VOICE FOR CHILDREN

Former Lokayukta Justice N Santhosh Hegde with children from Don Bosco School during an awareness walk on the Child Rights Protection Act, in Bengaluru on Sunday | EXPRESS

Toddler run over by father's car

Bengaluru: In a tragic incident, negligence by parents snuffed the life out of a baby boy aged 1 year, 10 months, when he was run over by his father, who was reversing his car. The incident took place near Benaka Layout in Guddadahalli on the outskirts of Bengaluru, in Madanayakanahalli police station limits on Saturday morning. The deceased was identified as Nuthan, a native of Mandya. His parents, Munesh and Devika, had been on a visit to a family member's house in Madanayakanahalli for three days. Police said the family was preparing to return home around 10.45am Saturday. Nuthan was playing on the road while his mother had stepped inside the house. Unfortunately, his father did not notice him and accidentally knocked him down while reversing the car. The child was crushed on the spot, police said, adding a case was registered against Munesh under Section 106 (causing death by negligence) of the BNS.

CAUGHT ON CAMERA

3 flash machete at farmer, rob him of ₹100 in Y'pur

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IN an attempted robbery early Saturday morning, a farmer returning from the Krishi Mela at GKVK was threatened with a machete and robbed of Rs 100 near Yeswanthpur Railway Station in the RMC Yard police limits. Videos of the incident went viral, with many netizens criticising the city's law-and-order situation and questioning the effectiveness of night patrolling.

Police said three men on a scooter were attempting to rob pedestrians by threatening them with a machete around 3.15 am. One of them approached the farmer, abused him, demanded money and robbed him of Rs 100, claiming they needed it for fuel.

The video also shows another passerby recording the incident. One of the accused noticed him and swung the machete toward him, but the passerby escaped unhurt. The farmer later filed a complaint. A senior police officer said two special teams have been formed and that CCTV footage and the videos circulating online are being analysed. A manhunt has been launched to trace the accused.

Meanwhile, the Wilson Garden police clarified that another video that went viral on social media, claiming to show a robbery near Shantinagar, was not a robbery incident. The incident, which occurred around 4 am near Church Road, was a suspected road-rage case. A 40-year-old man heading to work had a minor argument with another biker. According to the video, three men on a scooter intercepted another rider. Two of them got off the vehicle, argued with him and assaulted him before fleeing when he resisted.

CRIME PATROL

25-yr-old molested while walking pet dog

Bengaluru: The Jnanabharathi police have launched a manhunt for a man who allegedly molested a 25-year-old woman under the pretext of petting her dog while she was out on a walk in Upkar Layout. According to the FIR, the incident occurred around 10.30 pm on November 7. The victim, a law practitioner, had taken her pet dog for a walk near her house in the 2nd Block when an unknown man approached her and asked if he could pet the dog. After petting the dog, when she began walking ahead, the man suddenly touched her inappropriately. As she pushed him away, he attempted to molest her, prompting her to slap him. When she screamed for help, the accused fled, taking her mobile phone when it fell to the ground. A case has been registered under Sections 75 (sexual harassment), 303 (theft) and other relevant provisions o fBNS. Police said CCTV footage from the surrounding area is being analysed, and further investigation is underway.

Man arrested for sexually abusing minor

Bengaluru: The Madanayakanahalli police arrested a 26-year-old man for allegedly sexually abusing a minor on her birthday. The accused, identified as Yathish, reportedly lured her on the pretext of cutting a birthday cake and took her to a secluded spot on Saturday evening. According to the police, around 7.30 pm, Yathish led the victim to a vacant area and allegedly sexually abused her. She later informed her family about the incident and filed a complaint at the Madanayakanahalli police station. A Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) act case was registered, and he was arrested the next day.

2 cheat man of ₹50L with fake CM's grant promise, arrested

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THE Annapoorneshwari Nagar police have booked two people for allegedly cheating a 51-year-old man of Rs 50 lakh after promising to secure a Rs 5 crore Chief Minister's Special Grant. The accused have been identified as Harish and Sandeep.

According to the complaint filed by Venkatesh Babu, a resident of Nagarabhavi, Harish visited his house in October 2024, claiming he had close links with Sandeep, whom he introduced as a close aide of the government's Principal Secretary. Harish allegedly assured him that a Rs 5 crore CM's Special Grant could be secured with an MLA's recommendation letter, but demanded a 10% commission of Rs 50 lakh.

Venkatesh paid Harish Rs 25 lakh in November 2024, and in March 2025, Sandeep collected the remaining Rs 25 lakh near the Wilson Garden bus depot. Police said that over the next six months, the accused handed over three letters purportedly issued by the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) Department, citing various delays in the grant's release.

On September 19, when Babu visited the RDPR office, he learnt that all three letters were fake. He subsequently filed a complaint, and a cheating case has been registered against the duo.

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The Kerala Maritime Board (KMB) has announced date extension to the bid due date for its Lakefront Leisure and Entertainment Hub (2025_KMB_776281_2) project in Asramam, Kollam. The bid due date has been extended November 11, 2025 to November 26, 2025

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Assistant General Manager, Premises & Estates Department, Local Head Office, Bengaluru.

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ICL Fincorp Limited **("our Company" or "the Company" or "ICL")** was originally incorporated as 'Jawahar Finance Limited' at Chennai, a public limited company under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956, pursuant to a certificate of incorporation dated December 9, 1991, issued by RoC. The name of our Company was changed to 'Irinjalakuda Credits & Leasing Company Limited' pursuant to a fresh certificate of incorporation dated April 26, 2004 issued by the RoC. Later, the name of our Company was changed to 'ICL Fincorp Limited' pursuant to a fresh certificate of incorporation dated May 8, 2016 issued by the RoC. Our Company holds a certificate of registration dated June 09, 2016 bearing registration number B-07.00437 issued by the Reserve Bank of India **("RBI")** to carry on the activities of a non-banking financial company without accepting public deposits under Section 45 IA of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934. For further details about our Company, see "General Information" on page 39 of the Prospectus and "History and Certain Other Corporate Matters" on page 110 of the Prospectus.

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NOTICE TO INVESTORS

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ADDENDUM TO THE PROSPECTUS DATED NOVEMBER 4, 2025 ("ADDENDUM")

With reference to the prospectus dated November 4, 2025 **("Prospectus")**, filed with the Registrar of Companies, Tamil Nadu at Chennai **("RoC")**, BSE Limited **("BSE"/ "Stock Exchange")** and Securities and Exchange Board of India **("SEBI")** in relation to the public issue of secured, redeemable, non-convertible debentures for an amount up to ₹5,00,000 thousand with an option to retain oversubscription of up to ₹5,00,000 thousand, aggregating up to ₹10,00,000 thousand **("Issue")** by ICL Fincorp Limited **("Company" or "Issuer")**. In this regard, please note the following:

The Board of Directors of the Company at their meeting held at the corporate office of the Company on November 14, 2025, has considered and approved the unaudited financial results of the Company for the quarter and half year ended September 30, 2025 **("Financial Results")**. The Financial Results have been submitted to BSE Limited and are available on the website of BSE Limited at https://www.bseindia.com/xml-data/corpfiling/AttachLive/4a5f3b5e-a707-4a38-9ca8-012751efda77.pdf. Accordingly, the disclosures appearing in the section titled "Material Developments" on page 135 of the Prospectus stands updated in this regard. The financials included in the section titled 'Financial Statements' on page 134 of the Prospectus shall be read together with the unaudited financial results of the Company for the quarter and half year ended September 30, 2025.

A copy of this Addendum is being filed with RoC in accordance with Section 26 and Section 31 of the Companies Act, 2013. The above information should be read in conjunction with the Prospectus. The information in this Addendum supplements the Prospectus and updates the information in the Prospectus and the Abridged Prospectus, as applicable. All references to the Prospectus shall also include this Addendum. All capitalized terms used in this Addendum shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the meaning ascribed to them in the Prospectus. The Addendum is available on the websites of SEBI, Lead Managers, Stock Exchange and the Company that is www.sebi.gov.in; www.vivro.net; www.bseindia.com, and www.iclfincorp.com.

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Epilepsy and Dementia: Crossroads of Decline

Dr. Boya Shalini
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Older adults with epilepsy face a notably heightened risk of experiencing cognitive decline and eventual dementia compared with their age-matched peers. Meta-analytic data consistently demonstrate that a diagnosis of epilepsy approximately doubles the likelihood of developing dementia, a relationship that becomes even more pronounced in the presence of vascular risk factors such as hypertension, diabetes, or stroke. Importantly, the association is bidirectional: neurodegenerative conditions, including Alzheimer's disease, can precipitate late-onset epilepsy, while recurrent seizures, widespread network disruption, and interictal epileptiform discharges may further accelerate progressive brain dysfunction. Both epilepsy and dementia share overlapping and reinforcing pathophysiological mechanisms, including tauopathy, synaptic dysfunction, and neuronal loss, which contribute to behavioral disturbances, reduced independence, and a diminished overall quality of life. Therefore, regular screening for subtle cognitive as well as behavioral changes should be regarded as standard practice in elderly patients living with epilepsy, enabling early intervention and optimized disease management. This clinical intersection highlights the necessity of holistic, multidimensional, and patient-centered care for aging populations worldwide.

Enhancing Care for Older Adults with Epilepsy: Addressing Behavioral & Psychiatric Challenges

Dr. D C Janardhan
Neurologist, Bangalore

Improving epilepsy care for older adults, especially those with behavioral and psychiatric issues, requires a tailored, multidisciplinary approach. Older adults often face unique challenges such as cognitive decline, mood disorders, and complex medication regimens. Recent guidelines emphasize the importance of balancing seizure control with minimizing side effects to preserve mental health and cognitive function. Comprehensive care involves collaboration among neurologists, primary care providers, and mental health specialists to address both seizures and psychiatric comorbidities effectively. Routine behavioural and cognitive screening is essential to detect early changes, allowing timely interventions that improve quality of life and reduce hospitalizations. Patient and caregiver education, psychological support, and individualized treatment plans are critical components. Optimizing overall health, supporting physical activity, and attending to emotional well-being greatly enhance outcomes for elderly epilepsy patients. Additionally, careful medication reconciliation helps prevent harmful drug interactions, ensuring treatment safety, stability, and consistency over time. This holistic, proactive approach transforms epilepsy management into comprehensive care, addressing the complex needs of aging patients.

Behavioral Changes During and After Seizures in Older Populations

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Neurologist
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In older adults, seizures frequently produce marked behavioural disturbances during and after the event. Manifestations range from transient confusion, agitation and emotional lability to disinhibition, wandering, verbal or physical aggression and psychotic symptoms. Because these behaviours resemble delirium, acute medical encephalopathy or primary psychiatric illness, recognition is often delayed and misdiagnosis is common. Predisposing factors in older patients include cognitive impairment, cerebrovascular disease, polypharmacy, chronic sleep disturbances and metabolic derangements, which increase the likelihood of prolonged post-ictal confusion or delirium. Post-ictal syndromes in the elderly can persist hours to days and may be accompanied by transient focal deficits, language difficulties, memory problems and altered cerebral perfusion. Accurate assessment requires high clinical suspicion, prompt evaluation for reversible precipitants, and early EEG with continuous monitoring when ongoing seizures or nonconvulsive status epilepticus are suspected. Management is principally supportive and multidisciplinary, emphasising patient safety, identification and treatment of triggers, review of medications, and close collaboration between neurology, geriatrics and psychiatry to reduce morbidity and hospital stay.

Cerebrovascular Disease as a Leading Cause of Seizures in Older Populations

Dr. Harsha K J
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Cerebrovascular disease is now recognized as the most prominent cause of seizures in older adults, particularly those aged over 60 years. Recent hospital-based studies show that nearly 38% of new-onset seizures in this age group can be traced directly to cerebrovascular events, with hypertension and diabetes being major underlying risk factors. Acute symptomatic seizures often arise following ischemic or haemorrhagic strokes, and such neurological events raise mortality rates and worsen quality of life for both patients and their caregivers. Post-stroke seizures in the elderly prolong hospital stay and increase morbidity and mortality.

The risk of experiencing seizures is highest in the first year after a stroke, ranging from about 6% to 12%, and continues to climb with advancing age. Seizure events in the elderly frequently present with subtle or atypical symptoms, including confusion or behavioural changes, making diagnosis challenging in clinical settings. Contemporary guidelines emphasize the importance of systematic screening for vascular risk factors in seniors presenting with de novo seizures and advocate for tailored therapy that accounts for comorbidities.

New-Onset Epilepsy After Age 60: Causes, Patterns, and Prognosis

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New-onset epilepsy after the age of 60 is being increasingly recognized worldwide, largely due to the rising proportion of elderly individuals in the global population. In this demographic, the most frequent underlying causes include cerebrovascular diseases such as stroke or small vessel ischemia, which account for approximately 30-50% of cases. Neurodegenerative disorders, particularly Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, contribute to around 10-20%, while primary and secondary brain tumors explain 10-30% of cases. Traumatic brain injuries, which are often more severe and complicated in older adults, represent another 10-20%. Despite these known factors, nearly one-third to one-half of cases remain of unknown etiology. Focal seizures are the predominant type in older adults. Comorbidities such as hypertension, diabetes, chronic kidney or liver disease, along with toxic or metabolic disturbances, also heighten susceptibility. Prognostically, elderly patients usually respond favorably to initial antiseizure medication, achieving long-term seizure freedom in more than 80% of cases, although outcomes are poorer with intracranial malignancy or certain anticonvulsants.

Role of Brain Tumors and Neurodegeneration in Late-Onset Epilepsy

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Epilepsy is often seen as a childhood condition, yet its incidence rises sharply after age 60, making late-onset epilepsy (LOE) a pressing health concern in rapidly aging societies. By age 75, prevalence is nearly double that of other adult age groups.

Brain tumors and neurodegenerative disorders are among the most important causes. Tumors, whether primary or metastatic, can disrupt brain networks and trigger seizures, sometimes as the first clinical sign. In older adults, these subtle seizure events may mimic confusion or memory lapses, often delaying recognition and treatment.

Neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's also play a critical role. Research shows a bidirectional link: epilepsy increases dementia risk, while Alzheimer's-related proteins like tau and amyloid- are frequently found in patients with LOE. Seizure activity itself may accelerate cognitive decline, further compounding long-term health outcomes.

Yet, not all patients display these disease markers, highlighting the complexity of the condition. Experts emphasize early diagnosis, careful evaluation, and personalized treatment to control seizures and protect overall brain health.

Cognitive Impairment in Elderly Epilepsy: Risk Factors and Management

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Cognitive impairment is common in elderly people with epilepsy and can worsen over time due to various risk factors. Older adults with epilepsy experience faster cognitive decline compared to those without epilepsy, partly due to the combined effects of epilepsy and vascular risk factors like hypertension, stroke, and high cholesterol. Additional risks include advanced age, anxiety, prior brain injuries, and complex medication regimens. There is also a recognized connection between epilepsy and dementia, with evidence suggesting shared underlying mechanisms such as vascular changes and brain network dysfunction. Early cognitive screening is critical for detecting impairment and guiding management to preserve brain health. Strategies include controlling vascular risks, addressing psychiatric symptoms, optimizing medications, and providing supportive therapies to maintain cognitive function and quality of life. Patients and caregivers are encouraged to discuss cognitive concerns with healthcare providers to receive timely evaluation and intervention. Incorporating regular lifestyle interventions, such as structured physical exercise, balanced diet, social engagement, and cognitive training, further strengthens protective outcomes and resilience.

Smartphone-Captured Home Videos as an Adjunct to Seizure Evaluation

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Smartphone video recordings made by family members are increasingly valuable tools in the evaluation of paroxysmal events. With near-universal smartphone access, witnessed episodes can be captured in real time and reviewed by clinicians to improve diagnostic accuracy, reduce delays, and guide management.

Studies show that adding high-quality home videos to history and examination markedly increases correct classification of epileptic versus nonepileptic events and helps identify key semiology for seizure typing. Emerging work also applies artificial intelligence to home videos to accelerate recognition of infantile spasms and convulsive seizures.

Despite promise, videos are adjunctive not a replacement for EEG and can be limited by poor lighting, angle, or audio; privacy and consent considerations must be addressed before sharing. Clinicians should encourage caregivers to record safely (continuous, stable framing) and transmit clips through secure channels. Continued research and validated digital tools will expand clinical utility and help close diagnostic gaps, especially where EEG access is limited. Health systems should offer guidance and secure upload options.

Clinical Presentations: How Elderly Seizure Symptoms Differ from Younger Patients

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The clinical presentation of seizures in elderly patients differs significantly from that in younger individuals. In older adults, seizures most often present as focal-onset events with impaired awareness, typically appearing as confusion, brief memory lapses, unresponsiveness, or staring spells rather than dramatic convulsive movements. Elderly seizures are usually shorter in duration and often lack generalized tonic-clonic activity, making timely diagnosis more difficult. Postictal states are more prolonged and pronounced, frequently resembling dementia, delirium, or other cognitive disorders. Common etiologies in this age group include cerebrovascular disease, prior stroke, neurodegenerative changes, and brain atrophy, which increase the risk of focal seizures arising from localized cortical irritability. The incidence of status epilepticus is also higher in seniors, often occurring as nonconvulsive forms with persistent altered mental status. Because of such subtle and atypical clinical features, seizures in the elderly are frequently under-recognized or misdiagnosed, underscoring the importance of thorough neurological evaluation, appropriate diagnostic strategies, and individualized management approaches that account for comorbidities and treatment risks.

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Recurrent Seizures After First Episode: Predictors in Elderly Patients

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Seizure recurrence following a first unprovoked episode is a significant concern in older adults. A retrospective cohort study of 304 patients aged ≥60 years reported recurrence rates of 24.5% at one year and 34.4% at two years. Traditional predictors such as age, epileptogenic lesions on neuroimaging, and interictal epileptiform discharges (IEDs) on EEG were not independent predictors of recurrence. Instead, immediate initiation of antiseizure medication (ASM) demonstrated a strong protective effect, reducing recurrence risk by more than half (hazard ratio: 0.47, 95% CI 0.23–0.97). Notably, this benefit persisted even in patients without clear epileptogenic findings. Structural lesions including ischemia, hemorrhage, or tumors did not independently predict recurrence, with ischemic lesions paradoxically linked to better seizure freedom. Other studies highlight that higher comorbidity burden especially neurodegenerative, psychiatric, and cardiac disorders influences recurrence risk primarily through treatment decisions rather than imaging abnormalities.

Elderly patients with multiple comorbidities or brain atrophy therefore require individualized management, with early ASM initiation prioritized over conventional risk markers such as age or structural lesions.

Quality of Life Assessment in Elderly Patients with Epilepsy

Dr. S Saravanan
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Quality of life (QoL) in older adults with epilepsy is significantly compromised by comorbidities, psychiatric conditions, and cumulative medication effects. Higher rates of cognitive decline, vascular disease, anxiety, and depression contribute to poorer outcomes compared with younger populations. Advanced age, frequent seizures, long illness duration, and polypharmacy further reduce QoL, while socioeconomic status and seizure severity also play critical roles in shaping health trajectories. Validated instruments such as QOLIE-31 and SF-36 consistently reveal deficits in vitality, social participation, and emotional wellbeing among elderly patients and their caregivers.

Self-management is hindered by medication side effects, cognitive challenges, and increasing dependency, though interventions such as cognitive-behavioral therapy may improve self-efficacy, reduce stress, and enhance seizure control. Service disparities remain evident: only 15% of patients aged 65-69 in one UK study were referred to specialists, despite elevated comorbidity risks and patient preference for individualized care. Stigma, social isolation, and adherence difficulties further intensify burden. Interdisciplinary, patient-centered strategies optimizing seizure management and addressing comorbidities are essential to improving quality of life.

Sleep Disorders and Their Psychiatric Ramifications in Epileptic Older Adults

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Sleep disorders are common in older adults with epilepsy, significantly impacting their psychiatric health. Recent studies show that over 30% of elderly epilepsy patients suffer from sleep disturbances such as insomnia, excessive daytime sleepiness, and obstructive sleep apnea.

These conditions worsen seizure control and contribute to poor quality of life. Sleep fragmentation and deprivation can trigger seizures, creating a vicious cycle. Psychiatric complications like depression and anxiety are highly prevalent in this group, with rates reaching nearly half of the patients. Depression and anxiety both exacerbate sleep problems, leading to a complex interplay that further deteriorates mental health. Importantly, research also highlights that antiepileptic medications themselves can alter sleep architecture, potentially aggravating both insomnia and psychiatric comorbidity. Sleep disorders, psychiatric comorbidities, and seizure frequency are closely interconnected, requiring comprehensive management. Addressing sleep health in older epileptic adults can improve seizure control, reduce psychiatric symptoms, and enhance overall well-being, emphasizing the need for routine screening and integrated care approaches for this vulnerable population.

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Temporal Lobe Epilepsy Surgery in Individuals Over 60: Balancing Risks and Benefits

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Temporal lobe epilepsy (TLE) surgery in individuals over 60 years presents both opportunities and challenges. Once approached with caution, evidence now supports favorable outcomes: seizure freedom is achieved in 60–80% of elderly patients, rates comparable to or exceeding those in younger cohorts. In a cohort study of 94 patients (mean age 56, range 50–71) with drug-resistant TLE, 60.6% attained long-term seizure freedom over 5.2 years. Despite a mean epilepsy duration of 31 years and considerable preoperative cognitive impairment, health-related quality of life (HRQOL) improved significantly, particularly in seizure-free patients. However, risks are elevated: morbidity was 12.6%, with permanent neurological deficits in 5.9%, and verbal memory decline was more pronounced after dominant hemisphere resections. Older adults also face unique complications, such as subdural hygroma, and outcomes are strongly influenced by comorbidities, vascular risk factors, and frailty. Minimally invasive options such as laser interstitial thermal therapy (LITT) may help mitigate these risks. Age alone should not preclude surgery; individualized evaluation remains absolutely essential.

Status Epilepticus in Older Adults: Incidence, Risk Factors, and Outcomes

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Acute symptomatic seizures and status epilepticus in older adults pose a growing and significant public-health challenge as the population ages. Older patients (≥60 years) have the highest incidence of new seizures, frequently provoked by stroke, metabolic disturbance or anoxic injury, and nearly half of new-onset seizures in this age group are acute symptomatic. Status epilepticus in the elderly carries markedly higher short-term mortality than in younger adults; predictors of poor outcome include lesional etiologies, multiple comorbidities, nonconvulsive or refractory SE, infections and prolonged ICU stays. Management priorities are rapid identification of the provoking cause, correction of metabolic derangements, targeted neuroimaging and cautious antiseizure drug selection to limit drug-drug interactions. Polypharmacy magnifies risk through adverse drug events, interactions, oversedation and falls, underscoring the critical need for regular medication review and deprescribing where safe. Multidisciplinary care, early EEG monitoring when confusion persists, and geriatric-tailored treatment pathways may reduce harm and improve overall recovery in this vulnerable population. Public education and routine follow-up remain essential to improve outcomes.

Epilepsy (Fits) – Know It and Say No to Stigma

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Epilepsy is one of the most common neurological disorders, affecting nearly one in every hundred people. It occurs due to sudden bursts of abnormal electrical activity in the brain, leading to seizures. Despite being completely treatable in most cases, epilepsy remains clouded by myths, misconceptions, and social stigma, which often prevent people from seeking help.

Epilepsy is not a mental illness, nor is it contagious. With proper medication, around 70% of patients can live seizure-free lives and lead completely normal, productive lives. During a seizure, stay calm, turn the person to one side, and never put anything in their mouth, as doing so can be dangerous.

Modern treatments such as advanced brain imaging, neurostimulation, and epilepsy surgery offer new hope for many patients. What patients need most is understanding, timely medical care, and inclusion — not isolation or judgment from society.

This National Epilepsy Day, let's pledge to replace fear with awareness and ensure that no one hides their illness due to stigma. Awareness saves lives and restores dignity.

Seizures associated with Brain Tumors

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Seizures are a common symptom in patients with brain tumours, often appearing even before a tumour is formally diagnosed and sometimes serving as an early indicator of tumour progression. The risk of seizures is particularly high in individuals with slow-growing brain tumours such as Gliomas and Meningiomas. Epileptic seizures can be the initial presentation in about 30% to 60% of those with primary brain tumours. Additionally, tumours of the central nervous system represent the second most frequent cause of epilepsy in adults, following hippocampal sclerosis, and in children, after focal cortical dysplasia. Seizure-related complications can significantly affect clinical outcomes and overall quality of life. Effective management requires a comprehensive, multidisciplinary approach. Immediate seizure control typically involves antiseizure medications, followed by surgical removal of the tumour, chemotherapy, or radiotherapy, with treatment plans customised based on the tumour's type, location, and stage. A multidisciplinary approach involving neurologists, oncologists, and neurosurgeons is necessary to create an individualized treatment plan.

Focal vs. Generalized Epilepsy in Older Adults: Clinical and Prognostic Insights

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Epilepsy in older adults presents distinct challenges, with focal epilepsy far more common than generalized forms. Focal epilepsy usually arises from structural causes such as stroke, tumors, or neurodegenerative changes, whereas generalized epilepsy is rare, often appearing as a late manifestation of genetic generalized epilepsy or, less frequently, de novo late-onset disease.

Diagnosis is complicated because focal seizures in this age group often mimic transient ischemic attacks or confusional states. Both focal and generalized epilepsies respond well to antiseizure medications (ASMs), though long-term seizure freedom without therapy is uncommon, especially in generalized epilepsy. While remission is possible, most patients require ongoing treatment.

Cognitive and functional consequences are particularly significant in focal epilepsy, which is linked to higher risks of decline and dementia than either generalized epilepsy or stroke, likely due to widespread gray matter loss and hippocampal atrophy. ASM therapy in older adults must be individualized, with cautious dosing, slow titration, and close attention to comorbidities and drug interactions, consistent with International League Against Epilepsy recommendations.

Issued in public Interest to raise awareness about Epilepsy by MSN Laboratories

Union Minister Pralhad Joshi said under Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi's leadership, the Congress has been sinking across the country and noted that the people of Bihar have rejected his vote theft conspiracy theory. He blamed Rahul for dragging his party's allies down with him

HOW TO PLAY MIND GAMES, AND WIN

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EXPRESS Dialogues

THE mind is a minefield. It does unimaginable things to you. With living no longer an easy undertaking, and pressure to perform in boardrooms and classrooms quite high, preserving mental health is the key to success. In an interaction with TNIE, eminent consultant psychiatrist and sexologist Dr Sandip Deshpande fields a series of mind-bending questions. Excerpts:

Mental health is a broad subject. How can one ascertain if a feeling of sadness or distress needs psychiatric help?
Feeling sad or a little anxious is normal. It is not the same as depression or clinical anxiety. The World Health Organisation (WHO) has laid out the criteria for distress to be qualified as an illness: If the feelings and symptoms in question remain for more than two weeks, and cause disability – for instance, not being able to focus on work or daily activities – then it qualifies as mental illness. The same sort of discretion is to be maintained to discern a habit from addiction. The affected person must know how to differentiate.

People often resort to Google to understand their symptoms. Is that, and the resultant self-diagnosis, a concern?
Yes and no. I'm happy that these online tools are at least prompting people to seek help. Google does a good job of providing helpline numbers to people who take their potential suicidal ideation to the platform. But self-diagnosis can be dangerous.

Is hypochondria the logical endpoint of this obsession?
Yes, that is the earlier term for what is now commonly known as health anxiety. Patients quite often come to me with extreme distress. Often, having read up on something, they psychosomatically manifest the associated symptoms. This is a distressing loop that often bleeds a lot of money as well, leading vulnerable people to fall prey to scams.

Mental health is not a new invention, but a new discovery. A lot of destigmatisation has followed since, but are we using this to forsake our mental resilience and fortitude?
The jury is out in terms of whether people are increasingly getting distressed or if there is an overdiagnosis. In the 1970s, WHO found that India and Nigeria did very well in terms of dealing with mental illness, which took them by surprise, given how under-resourced a country we were then. The crucial variable was the family unit. Families then were inclusive; they would take someone in mental distress along with them (as opposed to delegating care to facilities or ostracising them). But now, we are becoming increasingly nuclear, in terms of the family unit. Genes play a good role; we are blessed with some good genes. We now have the resources to tackle the crisis.

How do doctors themselves fare?
I was part of the Doctors for Doctors (Drs4Drs) campaign. We found that doctors are three times as likely to take their own lives, compared to a regular individual. They are often not good as patients.

What is the progress of sex education in Indian schools?
Sex education in India has faced long-standing resistance. The Adolescent Education Programme (AEP) by CBSE in 2007 faced opposition from some groups, claiming it would promote condom use. A Joint Parliamentary Committee, headed by Venkaiah Naidu, concluded that India needed moral education rather than sexuality education. Despite this, experts stress that the focus should be on age-appropriate Sexuality and Relationship Education, starting with parents talking to children at home and supplemented by schools.

How should sex education be implemented effectively?
Education should be age-appropriate, starting with discussions about the human body and relationships. It should not be a one-off school session, but continuous discussions at home and school. Examples include explaining pregnancy to young children in simple terms and using events like the Nirbhaya cases to teach adolescents about boundaries, consent and expectations. We should try and educate children, boys in particular, about expectations, dos and don'ts. Kerala has been a positive example in implementing such education.

What are the consequences of a lack of sexual education?
The absence of comprehensive sexual education leads to teenage pregnancies, misinformation from the internet, pornography exposure, and difficulties in adult sexual relationships. Even married adults may face sexual dysfunction due to a lack of awareness about their own bodies and communication about desires.

How important is compatibility between a therapist and a patient?
Compatibility, or rapport, is critical in therapy. Psychological treatment depends heavily on trust. Patients should seek therapists with expertise and experience, and both parties must feel comfortable. This process can be instantaneous or take time. AI-assisted tools are now being developed to help match patients with compatible therapists.

What drives people to commit violent crimes, such as murder of a partner?
Violent crimes can stem from delusional disorders, where one partner falsely believes the other is unfaithful, leading to impulsive acts. Some cases involve confirmed extramarital affairs, often uncovered via technology, triggering violent reactions. Premeditated crimes also occur, sometimes with the partner involved. Psychiatrists categorise offenders as sad (emotional/mental health issues), mad (serious mental illness like delusions or schizophrenia), or bad (criminal intent).

What factors contribute to long-lasting and healthy relationships?
Studies in Western contexts, which can be adapted to the Indian perspective, suggest that couples who remain together for decades often share common interests that keep them engaged with each other, they have mutual respect for personal space, allow each partner to grow individually, and effective boundary management with extended family, ensuring family pressures do not interfere.

There is a perception that India has a high number of people with mental health issues but there is a shortage of experts to deal with it...
Not anymore. There were 200 MD seats some 20 years ago, but now the number has gone up to 1,800, but we are still short, given our large population. Nimhans has come up with Tele MANAS which was initiated in Karnataka and has now been rolled out in several states. The Karnataka government has emerged as the flag-bearer with its District Mental Health programme and a psychiatrist in each district. Now the government is set to establish Taluk Mental Health centres, and rope in ASHA workers to tell people about mental health services. Early identification is happening, and treatment is free. I guess we are moving in the right direction.

Does stress and anxiety at the workplace and competition in the professional sphere impact people's and students' performance?
Some stress is really good. No stress would make me lazy. When I know my exams are in three weeks, I will sit up and take notice. When it crosses a certain level, stress does the opposite and impacts performance. The pendulum has swung the other way due to competition and race, and impacted mental health. The Supreme Court has taken note, and a committee is looking at students' mental health. Quota system brings a lot of pressure. Suicides among medical students are a big worry. The government wants to start wellness centres in all institutions. The same needs to be replicated at workplaces.

How do we know we have reached the threshold level?
Everyone needs to know their own threshold level. You look at telltale signs like tiredness, slowness at work, facial expression, downcast mood, looking under the weather, not taking care of personal hygiene, not eating well and others. There are studies indicating that a person has expressed but worded it differently. If a person says, 'I don't think it's worth living', these are signals. Ten per cent of the population in the past one week in Bengaluru has said they have become 'tired of life' and they can be helped by friends and colleagues. Next comes the death wish, and this is a passive thought. Some tragedy happens far away, and people wish to be there and among the victims. This is a worrying sign, and if it goes beyond, like suicide attempts and plans, then most definitely they need help.

Can you speak about the pandemic of loneliness?
Society has become very wired and we are connected with some 500 people on social media. In reality, we have fewer people to talk to. With my patients, I tell them to be part of groups and socialise. In Bengaluru, there is a lot of activity happening. Students in colleges have a lot more opportunities, and the idea is to tell them to be part of groups and express themselves.

What are the simple ways to deal with stress and anxiety before we approach an expert?
Understanding why one is getting stressed is important -- is it due to not addressing issues with my partner, someone is unwell in the family, or the boss might not be treating me well. For this, one can talk to somebody, go for long walks, do relaxation exercises, take a holiday break or listen to songs. However, what is to be done when some things don't change? For instance, I treated a man whose father was suffering from fourth stage liver cancer. He was feeling guilty thinking his father took a lot of stress and got cancer. He went into clinical depression and needed treatment. He was in denial, but we helped him move towards acceptance.

DK bros meet Kharge to counter Siddu's efforts for cabinet reshuffle

List ready, CM to seal the deal after talks with Kharge, Venu

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DK Shivakumar

Mallikarjun Kharge

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AS Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is eager to consolidate his position to continue as CM by effecting a cabinet reshuffle, Deputy Chief Minister K Shivakumar and his younger brother DK Suresh put all-out efforts to counter it. They met AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge at his residence in Delhi on Sunday evening and held discussions.

Their meeting comes a day ahead of Siddaramaiah's expected confabulations with Kharge and AICC General Secretary (Organisation) KC Venugopal in Delhi on Monday. Siddaramaiah's meetings are on the instruction of LoP in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi.

There is also speculation that the Siddaramaiah camp is trying to replace Shivakumar as KPCC president.

"I have built the party day and night. I am not the one who blackmails Congress. I have worked day and night to build it and will continue to do it to bring it to power again," Shivakumar told reporters in Delhi, replying to rumours that he is planning to resign as KPCC president. "Why should I resign as KPCC president? My mental, physical and political health is fine," he asserted.

He claimed that he is trying to get the dates of Kharge and Rahul for the foundation-laying ceremony of 100 Congress Bhavans in Karnataka.

"I have written a book called Gandhi Bharat. A date has to be fixed for its release. The Congress Foundation Day has to be celebrated. Who should do all this? I should do it myself. Why should I resign? There is no such situation arising now," he said.

"As long as Congress asks me to work in this position, I will work like a disciplined soldier," he added.

Asked if he discussed the cabinet reshuffle with Kharge, he said, "It is a matter for the chief minister. He will discuss it with the high command. If I am called, I will go. I am only going to fix a date for laying the foundation stone of the party offices. My wish is that Rahul Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge should lay the foundation stone together. The Parliament session will begin from December 1, and I request them to do it on any weekend."

"I am paying Rs 2.30 crore for the approval of the building plan for the construction of the Congress office. An office is being built under the leadership of Ramalinga Reddy. Lands are also ready for the construction of 75-80 offices. We will do the construction of a hundred offices," he said.

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah, who reportedly got the green signal for a cabinet rejig from Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, is expected to seal the deal after deliberations with AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge and party General Secretary (Organisation) KC Venugopal, sources said.

Siddaramaiah, who paid a courtesy call to Rahul in New Delhi on Saturday, is bound for Delhi again on Monday to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He is also expected to meet Kharge and Venugopal to mostly discuss the cabinet reshuffle. Four days later, he will likely meet Rahul to take the final decision, a source told *The New Indian Express*.

The CM has prepared the list of ministers who will be dropped and legislators who will be included, the source said. Former cooperation minister KN Rajanna, who was dismissed from the cabinet for indirectly criticizing Rahul over the latter's 'vote chori' claims, will likely make a comeback. His MLC son, Rajendra, met Venugopal several times in Delhi and struck a deal, another source said.

In fact, the party high command had left it to the CM's discretion to go with the reshuffle sometime back, but was awaiting the Bihar Assembly polls results. Even Siddaramaiah had said the high command had given him the green signal. The reshuffle is to let Congress reassess its strategy for the 2028 Assembly polls with a fresh start, political pundits said.

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, who got wind of Siddaramaiah's eagerness to reshuffle the cabinet, had stayed back in Delhi on Sunday to chalk out a plan to stop it.

Only reshuffle, not leadership change: Dr G

Bengaluru: Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara on Sunday indicated that there will only be a cabinet reshuffle and not a leadership change in the state. He said Siddaramaiah and the Congress high command will decide on the cabinet reshuffle. "It is said that the high command has given permission for a reshuffle. The media is saying it and this subject is coming out in the open. Now you can guess what's happening with regard to the change of guard. Normally, leadership changes do not happen when the cabinet reshuffle takes place," he said. According to him, there are many people who have put forth their demand to get a ministerial position. "Now, after getting permission for a reshuffle, the CM and the high command will do it," he added.

RSS HOLDS ROUTE MARCH IN CHITTAPUR PEACEFULLY

RAMAKRISHNA BADSESHI @ Kalaburagi

RSS volunteers conduct the route march at Chittapur town in Kalaburagi district on Sunday | EXPRESS

ARMED with conditional permission given by the Kalaburagi bench of Karnataka High Court, 350 RSS volunteers in RSS Ganvesh (dressed in their uniform and carrying lathis) held the Patha Sanchalana (route march) for 1.3 km in Chittapur town from 3 pm till 5 pm on Sunday, without violating any of the norms laid down by the high court bench.

The police only allowed 350 volunteers whose names had been given by RSS to the police. Before starting the march from Bajaj Kalyan Mantap at 3.10 pm, the RSS volunteers hoisted the RSS flag and sang the anthem.

The march passed through the bus stand, Ambedkar Circle, Government Library, Basava Hospital, Kashi Galli Ganesh Temple, Canara Bank, Taluk Panchayat office, Government PU College and Basaveshwara Circle before returning to Bajaj Kalyana Mantap without any untoward incident.

Around 900 police personnel, including 50 police officers led by SP Adduru Srinivasalu, supervised the security arrangement. The police and municipal officials had installed 55 CCTV cameras along the route to keep an eye on the march.

Womenfolk who were standing on the roadside showered flower petals on RSS volunteers. Buntings welcoming the march had been put up on both sides of the route. Some volunteers also carried flags in their hands.

Chief Executive Officer of Chittapur Town Municipality Manojkumar told *The New Indian Express* that RSS had remitted Rs 7,500 to erect buntings and 200 flags for 1,000 metres.

The march ended at 5 pm and the later event with speeches ended at 5.30 pm as per the directions of the bench.

RSS had originally planned the march on October 19, but the Chittapur tahsildar banned it. The RSS then approached the Kalaburagi Bench of the High Court. Meanwhile 11 organisations, including the Bhim Army and Dalit Panthers, submitted applications to the district administration to take out marches at the same time and on the same day. The bench then asked the district administration to hold a peace committee meeting and come before it on October 30.

When the district administration could not come to any conclusion, the bench asked the advocate general to chair the peace committee meeting. Finally on October 13, the bench gave consent to RSS to conduct the route march on November 16 between 3 pm and 5.30 pm with only 350 volunteers, who should be from Chittapur taluk.

I have never opposed the route march. All I said was that permission should be taken. They have a habit of not following the rule of law. Now they are following the rules. Let them do it

Priyank Kharge, IT-BT Minister

No one can ban the activities of the Sangh. The Sangh is organising all Hindus without asking about caste and is following the words of Basavanna

Krishnaji Joshi, RSS provincial pracharak

Priyank points finger at Vichar Parivaar ecosystem

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

WITH RSS cadres conducting their Patha Sanchalana (route march) in his constituency -- Chittapur -- on Sunday, IT-BT Minister Priyank Kharge launched a sharp critique on social media, alleging the existence of a vast and unaccountable network he termed "viRSS".

In a series of posts, Kharge claimed that the so-called "Vichar Parivaar" - a cluster of organisations ideologically aligned with the RSS - functioned as a "shadow structure" exerting disproportionate influence across various national institutions.

According to the minister's post, the network wields control in areas such as bureaucracy, education, media, civil society and electoral financing. He claimed that the group operates without transparency or public accountability. "This is not influence; this is occupation," Kharge wrote, citing journalists and analysts who have previously raised concerns about ideological capture of key institutions.

Despite RSS Sarsanghchalak Mohan Bhagwat's recent clarification about RSS funding being 'Guru Dakshina', Kharge alleged that the network relied on opaque financial channels, including benami donations, shell entities and electoral bonds, claiming that large sums of money had been funnelled into political activities without public scrutiny.

He also questioned why no investigative agency had examined trusts or organisations linked to what he described as the "Vichar Parivaar ecosystem", despite what he called "clear red flags."

The minister's remarks coincided with the RSS march in Chittapur, which itself had drawn attention after the Karnataka High Court recently allowed the event despite objections raised by certain sections.

BJP leaders hailed the march as a reaffirmation of their democratic right to assembly, countering allegations of impropriety. Political analysts noted that Kharge's comments appear to be part of a larger confrontation between the Congress and the RSS-BJP, particularly over issues of institutional independence, electoral funding, and ideological influence. Neither the RSS nor affiliated organisations issued an immediate response to the minister's claims.

While, Kharge's post has triggered an online debate, BJP leaders, however, dismissed similar allegations in the past as politically motivated and lacking evidence.

After succeeding in attracting Rs 13.25 lakh crore investments at the 30th CII Partnership Summit held in Visakhapatnam on November 14 and 15, the Andhra Pradesh government has laid emphasis on grounding projects signed at the earliest as they are expected to generate 16.31 lakh jobs

BLO's suicide triggers unrest in Kerala

Family and neighbours blame SIR-related pressure, say the victim was struggling to complete the 'unrealistic task'

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A Booth-Level Officer (BLO) died by suicide in Kannur on Sunday allegedly due to stress from the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) work. The incident has ignited a storm in Kerala with the BLOs deciding to boycott the procedure on Monday alleging that they are being overtaxed.

Aneesh George, 41, from Ettukudukka in the Kankol-Alappadamba panchayat near Payyanur, allegedly hanged himself him in his house. Aneesh, an attendant at the AUP School at Kunnaru near Ramanthali, was also serving as a BLO. According to his family and neighbours, Aneesh had been struggling to complete the "unrealistic task" imposed on him. "He took his family to the church in the morning and returned home, and it was after that he ended his life. Although he faced some difficulty in identifying a few houses during his BLO work, he managed by asking others for help," said Shyju V K, Aneesh's neighbour.

The other BLOs in the state decided to boycott SIR related work on Monday in protest against the suicide death of Aneesh. The Action Council of State Government Employees and Teachers has also announced protest marches to the CEO and district collectorates.

TVK holds stir against SIR in Nagai

Nagapattinam: TVK members and associates held a protest at Avurithidal in Nagapattinam on Sunday, condemning the ongoing SIR. The party alleged that the revision exercise was being carried out in a manner that raised suspicion about its intent and fairness. The demonstration comes at a time when political groups across the state have expressed concerns over the special revision process, claiming it could affect voter inclusivity and transparency. The protestors said the SIR must be withdrawn immediately, arguing that the Election Commission was acting as a tool of the Union Government. They also criticised the AIADMK for demanding such an intensive revision, stating that the call was politically motivated.

The action council alleged that the BLOs have been given unachievable targets and hence facing tremendous work pressure.

"The election commission is to be blamed for the suicide. The simultaneous work related to the SIR and local self-government elections have put them under pressure," said office-bearers MV Sasidharan and K P Gopakumar.

Meanwhile, Kannur District Collector Arun K Vijayan said preliminary inquiry showed no signs of work-related pressure. "Aneesh had been performing well as a BLO. He had already completed 77% of the work in his ward under the Payyanur Assembly. After combining the findings from the electoral registration officer (ERO) and the police, a consolidated report will be sent to the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO)," he said. Aneesh is survived by his wife, who is a homemaker, three children, and his parents.

Bindumol K G, a member of the Kankol-Alappadamba panchayat, said, "His family told us that he had mentioned work-related stress."

BLOs in Kerala are handling a heavy workload assigned by their superiors. These officers are acting based on directions from the EC

MV Jayarajan, CPM leader

SIR is something that was imposed by the Union government. The EC should undertake a serious enquiry into the incident. BLOs are working under pressure from the top

V D Satheesan, Oppn leader

Sabarimala: SIT to conduct test today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Sabarimala

THE Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the disappearance of gold from the Sabarimala temple reached the hill shrine on Sunday to conduct a scientific test.

The team led by DySP S Sasidharan, the investigation officer, reached Pampa. The test, suggested by the Kerala High Court, will be carried out after 1pm on Monday, following the Deva Anujna rituals. Apart from the police, forensic experts will join the team for the procedure. Recently, the SIT had approached the court seeking permission to conduct scientific examinations of the dwarapalaka (guardian deity) idols to determine the extent of gold loss reported in 2019. The court then directed the SIT to weigh the dwarapalakas and the side pillar plates. It also instructed the investigators to take a sample of the gold cladding to assess the purity and quality of the plating, measure the surface area of the plates, and collect copper samples from the dwarapalaka plates and door frames.

These samples, the court said, should be subjected to scientific analyses, including electrical conductivity, spectroscopic, and microstructure examinations.

Sabarimala temple opens for annual pilgrimage

The hill shrine at Sabarimala was opened on Sunday for the two-month-long annual pilgrimage season. Melsanthi Arunkumar Nampoothiri, whose one-year term ends with the closure of the sreekovil in the evening, opened the temple at 5 pm in the presence of thantri Kandararu Mahesh Mohanaru. The ceremony marking the installation of the new melsanthi E D Prasad Nampoothiri was performed. The ceremony began with conducting kalasabhishekam on the new melsanthi in front of the sreekovil by the thantri, followed by administering moolantram in the ear of the melsanthi. The entry of devotees was restricted by issuing a total of 39,000 virtual queue passes and another 20,000 spot passes. From Monday, a total of 90,000 devotees, including 70, 000 online and 20,000 spot passes, will be allowed for the darshan. **ENS**

Melsanthi Arun Kumar Nampoothiri opens the sreekovil of Sabarimala temple, marking the beginning of the annual Mandala-Makaravilakku season

Man kidnapped, burnt alive in suspected honour killing

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A 39-year-old man was kidnapped and burnt alive at Yerrampally village in Farooqnagar mandal of Rangareddy district, in a suspected honour killing. The incident came to light on Sunday after the victim's wife identified the charred remains as those of Yerra Rajashekar.

Police suspect the killing was planned by K Venkatesh, father of a 19-year-old woman who had recently eloped with and married 27-year-old Yerra Chandrashekar, the victim's younger brother. The couple had faced days of tension over their inter-caste marriage; the woman is from a Backward Caste community, while Chandrashekar is said to belong to a Scheduled Caste.

According to the family, Venkatesh and his associates arrived at the victim's home around 10.15 pm on Wednesday. One of them allegedly posed as a police constable and asked Rajashekar to accompany them. When he hesitated, saying he could not leave his wife alone at night, Venkatesh assured him they would return in ten minutes. Rajashekar went with them and did not return.

His wife filed a complaint about 30 minutes later. Police traced his mobile phone initially, but the signal was lost after the device was allegedly discarded near a bypass road.

Police suspect the group took Rajashekar to the outskirts of the village, assaulted him with sticks, poured fuel on him and set him on fire. His body was found on Saturday afternoon after police received information and alerted the family for identification. The remains were sent for post-mortem. A case has been registered, and efforts are underway to identify and arrest all those involved.

Courts must actively protect citizens' rights: CJI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Vijayawada

CHIEF Justice of India Justice **Bhushan Ramakrishna Gavai** emphasised that the Indian Constitution was deliberately designed as a "living document", capable of evolving with changing times and societal needs.

The CJI Gavai delivered the keynote address at a special program on "India and the Living Indian Constitution at 75 Years" organised by the AP High Court Advocates' Association in Mangalagiri, as part of the 75th year of the Constitution's enactment on Sunday.

Addressing the gathering, Justice Gavai noted that Article 368 was incorporated precisely to allow amendments and ensure the Constitution remains dynamic rather than rigid. He said the principles of justice, liberty, equality and fraternity enshrined in the Constitution empowered every citizen.

"It is because of these fundamental rights that a tea seller like Narendra Modi could become the Prime Minister, and I, coming from a remote region of Maharashtra, could rise to become the Chief Justice of India, and N Chandrababu Naidu could become the Chief Minister," he said.

He urged advocates to study Dr BR Ambedkar's speech while introducing the Constitution, noting that the first amendment, related to reservations, stemmed from early constitutional conflicts. Referring to Supreme Court's landmark Kesavananda Bharati judgment, he said, the case has established the basic structure doctrine, which ensures core constitutional principles cannot be amended.

The CJI reiterated that while the Constitution is flexible enough to adapt to social and economic needs, amendments concerning the judiciary, federal structure and other key institutions must remain stringent.

Andhra Pradesh High Court Chief Justice Dhiraj Singh Thakur recalled the 1946 resolution of the Constituent Assembly, which laid the foundation for an independent, sovereign republic ensuring social and economic equality.

He noted that the Constitution, with 395 Articles, 22 parts and eight schedules, emerged as one of the world's most comprehensive democratic documents. "India has undergone 106 constitutional amendments so far, from the first amendment to landmark cases like Shankari Prasad, Golaknath, Kesavananda Bharati and SR Bommai," he explained.

500 supervisors await promotion for 21 yrs in women & child dept

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

AROUND 500 supervisors of the Department of Women and Child Development have not got a single promotion since 2004, and over 100 of them may retire without one as they are due for retirement in a few months from now.

Supervisors take government programmes like Integrated Child Development Services to public, deliver other government schemes to women and children across the state, oversee and train anganwadi workers. They are considered the link between field-level workers and higher authorities and drafting the scheme implementation report and submitting it to the department. Many of them who are supposed to supervise 25 Anganwadis and get the work done are loaded with over 100 Anganwadis in some taluks and are drawing the same salary scale.

"Those recruited under the Karnataka Cadre and Service Rules as Child Development Program (CDPO) Officers, Assistant Child Development Program Officer (ACDPO), Program Officer (PO), and Deputy Director (DD) have received promotions over the years. But in our case, 500 supervisors spread across the state are awaiting promotions," said a supervisor from Chitradurga.

She and hundreds of others joined the service in 2004 when C Motamma was the minister. "Since then, we have seen eight ministers including Bhagirathi Gouda, Umashree, Jayamala and Shashikala Jolle. No one has addressed our concerns. We hope this time, Minister Laxmi Hebbalkar will stand by us."

"The minister said she will study the same and call a meeting with officials as well as the delegation of supervisors to work out the modalities to address their concern," said a woman supervisor from Davanagere.

The department is also contemplating to recruit 25% through the Karnataka Public Service Commission, and filling in the remaining 75% directly by considering their Pre-University and Degree background. "The department wants to even promote the anganwadi workers as supervisors, and once the FC clears the files and recruitment is completed, the supervisors awaiting promotions will be promoted as senior supervisors," said the official.

21 tigers stray into Mysuru's human habitats

KARTHIK K K @Mysuru

CLOSE on the heels of three farmer deaths in just one month, the forest department has issued a deeply alarming revelation — 21 tigers have strayed into human-dominated landscapes across Mysuru district. The escalating intrusion, confirmed by the Deputy Conservator of Forest (DCF) himself, has intensified fear across forest-fringe villages where sightings and attacks are becoming a routine.

But the crisis unfolding on the ground runs far deeper than tiger movement. The forest department is grappling with a critical, system-wide shortage of wildlife veterinary staff, a gap so severe that it is slowing down, delaying, and in some cases even halting rescue and conflict-mitigation operations.

Under NTCA standard operating procedure (SOP), at least two trained wildlife veterinarians must be present during a tiger capture or rescue. Yet the entire state has just five wildlife veterinarians (except those working under Zoo Authority of Karnataka) for 31 districts, a number that is shockingly inadequate. What is even more concerning is that all five veterinarians are on deputation from the Department of Veterinary and Animal Husbandry, and three of them have no wildlife background, said a forest officer, part of the tiger combing operation.

Forest officials carry out a combing operation to capture a tiger at HD Kote in Mysuru district on Sunday | EXPRESS

As villages in Saragur and HD Kote taluks in Mysuru district face repeated tiger incursions, the absence of specialised, dedicated staff has emerged as the biggest obstacle in conflict management. NTCA SOP to deal with emergencies arising due to straying of tigers in human dominated landscape suggest that capturing large fields poses a challenge and therefore requires a skilled team comprising wildlife managers and veterinarians proficient in animal anesthesia.

Permanent wildlife vet cadre in limbo

A permanent cadre of wildlife veterinarians, proposed decades ago, continues to remain trapped in files and official correspondence, never once seeing the light of implementation.

Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre, just two weeks back, sent a note on the urgency of creating a dedicated, permanent cadre of wildlife veterinarians in Karnataka. In fact, he has formally written to the additional chief secretary directing the department to initiate the process without delay.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah chaired a high-level meeting on the issue where he expressed his consent for taking up the necessary administrative steps to address the staff crunch. Yet despite clear political will at the highest level, the proposal continues to gather dust. Lack of initiative within the system has kept the cadre from materialising. This bureaucratic inertia has directly contributed to today's crisis. With no specialised veterans available during crucial rescue operations, both people and animals are being pushed into preventable conflict.

2-day strike by frontline staff likely to leave wildlife unprotected

Mysuru: A statewide strike by daily-wage and outsourced frontline staff of the Karnataka's Forest Department is set to leave vast stretches of wildlife territory unguarded at a time when man-animal conflict is already surging, raising fears of fresh poaching risks, unchecked forest fires, and uncontrolled animal movement. Thousands of workers from all the 36 wildlife divisions including tiger reserves and national parks will gather at the Freedom Park in Bengaluru on November 17 and 18 demanding job security, health benefits, and an end to the outsourcing system that has dominated forest operations. These workers constitute the first line of defence in anti-poaching patrols, firefighting, tower surveillance, wildlife rescue missions, elephant drives, and maintenance of solar-powered fences. Their absence even for a day, officials admit privately, leaves forests exposed. Despite performing duties equal to permanent employees and risking their lives, frontline workers say they receive no insurance, medical support, or genuine departmental protection. Over eight to ten workers reportedly die annually due to wildlife attacks. Karnataka Rajya Aranya Elakhe Vanyajeevi Ghatakakagala Dinagooli Horaguttige Noukarara Sangha (R), who has called for two-day strike, accused senior officials of ignoring ground realities while relying on outsourced labour.

EXPRESS READ

Boy trapped inside car found dead

Madurai: A seven-year-old boy who had been missing from Thursday evening was found dead inside a parked SUV on Saturday night in S Melapatti village under Peraiyur police station limits. Police ruled out any foul play in his death and said he had suffocated to death after getting trapped inside the car, his cries for help probably drowned out by the music from loudspeakers blaring in the village due to a temple festival. The child was R Shanmugavel of Nadukottai, a Class 1 student at a private school.

Record: KRS at full capacity for 150 days

Mysuru: The Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam, the lifeline of the Old Mysuru, has reached a remarkable milestone by maintaining its maximum water level of 124 feet for 150 consecutive days. Due to an early and intense monsoon, the reservoir touched its full capacity of 124.8 feet in June, marking a historic first since its construction in 1932. For the first time in 93 years, KRS reached its full capacity as early as June 29, 2025. The heavy inflow prompted authorities to release up to one lakh cusecs of water into the Cauvery in June and in August.

Revanth and Messi to share football pitch

Hyderabad: If plans fall into place, Hyderabad may witness an unexpected sporting moment in December: Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy sharing the football pitch with Lionel Messi. TPCC president B Mahesh Kumar Goud hinted that the CM could feature in a friendly match during Messi's "GOAT India Tour 2025", a suggestion that sent football fans into delirium as they hoped to witness the legend taking the field. Mahesh said Messi's visit "could open the door for a match involving the CM."

Foreign tourists drop from 19k to 4k at Hampi

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UNESCO World Heritage Site Hampi, renowned for its vibrant cultural landscape, has recorded a steep decline in foreign tourist arrivals this year. Up to October, only 3,818 foreign tourists visited Hampi in 2024–25, a drastic fall compared with the 19,838 who arrived in the previous year. In contrast, domestic tourism remains strong, with 4,46,441 Indian visitors recorded during the same period. While domestic arrivals have stayed relatively steady, international numbers have witnessed consistent changes since the pandemic. Tourist arrivals in 2022–23 included 15,340 foreign visitors, rising to 20,080 in 2023–24, but the current year has seen the figure fall sharply.

Stakeholders attribute this decline to a combination of safety concerns and persistent issues related to infrastructure. Two major incidents reported near Sanapur last summer, a sexual assault and the murder of a foreign traveller, have cast a long shadow on Hampi's global image. Guides and travel operators say that foreign visitors increasingly begin their enquiries with a single question: "Is Hampi safe?" Several group tours from Europe and East Asia were reportedly cancelled after that incident.

Foreign tourists often cite poor sanitation, limited availability of information centres, and unreliable transportation as major hurdles. Tourism associations demanded strengthened security measures, dedicated tourism policing, improved last-mile connectivity, enhanced sanitation, and targeted international promotional campaigns. A long-standing proposal for an international airport near Hampi has also resurfaced.

Virupakshi V Hampi, president, Villages Welfare Association Under Hampi World Heritage Area Management Authority, said that it is disappointing that the number of foreign tourists visiting is declining. Local tourism operators warn that the drop is already affecting livelihoods. In response, district officials said that proposals for safety-awareness programmes and infrastructure upgrades are under review, and consultations with local stakeholders are underway.

EDITORIAL

A convinced man differs from a prejudiced man as an honest man from a liar — Lord Acton

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— Ramnath Goenka

U.S. CONFRONTS A TALENT CRISIS REALITY CHECK

US President Donald Trump's recent comments about the H-1B visa programme—which has long been viewed as a barometer of America's openness to global talent—have triggered a political storm. However, treasury secretary Scott Bessent's clarification adds a revealing twist. The administration's goal, he says, is not to replace American workers, but to bring in the world's best experts to train them. It's a striking admission of America's skill deficit at a time when the global race for AI and semiconductors is reaching existential stakes.

The controversy began when Trump, pressed on *Fox News* about reducing H-1B visas, bluntly responded that the US simply does not have "certain talents" it urgently needs. He was insistent that Americans "have to learn", and the country cannot pull people "off an unemployment line" and expect them to build missile systems or advanced fabs.

The comments drew criticism from Republicans, yet Bessent's intervention confirms what US policymakers privately acknowledge: America cannot win the twenty-first-century technology war without foreign specialists.

This is not merely an economic issue, but a geopolitical one. AI models, chip manufacturing, quantum computing, and strategic electronics now define national power and international leverage. Whoever leads in these domains will shape global supply chains, standards and security architectures. The US wants to be that leader. But it faces a workforce shortage that no massive federal investment can fix overnight.

For decades, Indian engineers, computer scientists, and chip designers have been the backbone of US innovation. From Silicon Valley to advanced semiconductor research and development facilities, Indian talent disproportionately fills the high-skill jobs that America struggles to source domestically. That workforce does not "replace" Americans. It amplifies them. Skilled immigrants expand teams, raise productivity, and create new jobs for native workers.

Yet Washington continues to operate an antiquated, lottery-based H-1B system that chokes the very talent pipeline it depends on. Even as senior officials admit that America needs foreign experts to train its own; visa caps, skyrocketing fees, and procedural hurdles restrict the movement of the world's best minds. If America cannot match its rhetoric with a modern, mission-driven visa policy, it risks losing not only the global technology race but also the Indian talent that has long fuelled its rise. America must decide. Does it want to lead the future, or limit visas? It certainly cannot do both.

KERALA RISES IN REFORMS BUT GROUND REALITY LAGS

KERALA'S achievement in improving the investment climate is laudable, considering it was long seen as business-unfriendly. Yet, the state has much to do to catch up with other truly business-friendly states. Kerala's sustained efforts to enhance its ease of doing business (EoDB) profile are reflected in its billing as a 'top achiever' in the latest rankings. For reforms to yield lasting, practical change, they must be applied fully and institutionalised at all levels of governance. Kerala has emerged as a top performer among the fast-moving states in the latest ease of doing business rankings. It completed an impressive 99.3 percent of the Business Reforms Action Plan for 2024 and advanced stronger digital governance. The evaluation placed the right emphasis where it matters—30 percent on completing reforms and a much larger 70 percent on investor feedback—giving a clearer picture of what businesses actually experience on the ground. Kerala's high score is the direct result of institutionalising platforms such as K-SWIFT for single-window clearances, streamlining licences and permits, and delivering critical improvements in electricity and water provision, and in business registration. These measures nurture existing businesses and attract new investment. However, the state must eliminate the persistent hurdles hindering its full business potential. Projects like the Elappully (Palakkad) brewery, where the government's approval is being stalled by the grama panchayat, and the Fresh Cut poultry waste plant (Kozhikode), which was raided and set afire by those opposing its operation, demonstrate that state-level clearances are often negated by local political opposition and violent citizen action, reflecting a deep-seated public mindset against industry.

Kerala's high wages and its long history of aggressive labour union activity still make large, labour-intensive industries think twice before setting up shop. Local pressures should not be allowed to derail decisions taken at the executive level, and the state needs to offer businesses a sense of stability and predictability. That means building public support, enforcing regulations clearly, and ensuring local bodies fall in line. The government has to lead the push for compliance, remain in active dialogue with interest groups, and establish a robust grievance-redressal system to settle disputes quickly. Only then can Kerala create a steady, welcoming climate for industry.

QUICK TAKE

VOICE VAULT

WESTERN celebrities who launched perfumes and fashion lines now launch digital versions of themselves. Matthew McConaughey is way ahead with an AI voice model that can deliver endless, multilingual McConaughey-isms. His drawl now lives inside ElevenLabs, the startup building a marketplace of famous voices that brands can license for approved projects. Nothing goes ahead without the actor's sign-off. There's a lesson for Indian film stars here. And a potential product for hire: their voice. Top actors have begun securing legal protection against deepfakes and unauthorised use of their identity. Their 'personality rights' now cover everything from their names and likenesses to iconic catchphrases like Anil Kapoor's *Jhakaas* and Jackie Shroff's *Bhidu*.

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NEW FEDERAL COMPACT FROM SOUTH INDIA

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PENINSULA

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IN 2014, the term 'cooperative federalism' was in vogue. Twelve years on, it rings hollow. A fiscally weak central government has steadily increased cesses, not taxes; because cesses, unlike taxes, are not shareable with the states. The Niti Aayog, which replaced the Planning Commission, is both ineffective and a mouthpiece of the Centre. When it refers to the states at all, it does so like a classroom monitor, obsessed with regulation and comparative evaluation. It's ludicrous 'aspirational districts' programme, the Prime Minister's direct annual meetings with police and district chiefs, reductions in contribution to centrally sponsored schemes, the disgraceful behaviour of some of the governors in opposition-ruled states, and the withholding of resources from states that do not agree with central policies (like language policies), all point to a centralising Union government scrambling to deny the states resources and extracting maximum credit for joint ventures.

In such a situation, it is important for states to reclaim agency. This is particularly true of the five peninsular states, which are at the cutting edge of economic growth and human development. They are especially hobbled by the removal of their legitimate resources in the form of cesses and by borrowing limits. Also, these states currently do not belong to the National Democratic Alliance, with one recent exception. But I see no kinder treatment for Andhra Pradesh, as a consequence of the shrimp tariffs imposed by US President Donald Trump, for instance.

For now, the peninsular states are on their own when it comes to furthering their development transformation. They must court foreign investment, build their global capability centres and infrastructure, and support their manufacturing base with little help from the Centre. They are also under pressure to provide better social services than the Indian average—no one in Tamil Nadu is going to accept the pitiful carb-heavy, protein-free mid-day meal scheme in states like Madhya Pradesh.

If the Centre acts as a hegemon, the peninsular states must begin fostering cooperation among themselves. This is both feasible and desirable because the peninsula is relatively economically and socially advanced, has stronger social and economic governance systems, and is better equipped and resourced to deliver complex infrastructure and social development initiatives compared to the rest of India.

Law and order is an immediate area where cooperation can be enhanced. Creating joint police databases, using State forces and specialised agencies to address economic crime across the peninsula, working jointly to promote women's safety in conjunction with the many progressive schemes being implemented across the peninsula, are areas where cooperation would both save costs and increase effectiveness.

In the area of social policy, too, there is considerable scope for cost-effective cooperation. It would benefit all southern states if education standards were harmonised across the peninsula. In my view, the peninsular governments need a larger pool of well-educated (not just trained and skilled) human resources over the next 30 years if they are going to rise up the productivity ladder—an essential prerequisite for future prosperity. Jointly planning and thinking through how to do this, from the primary level through to higher education and vocational training, would be an important catalyst for quality.

This is especially so because national institutions are failing us. Peninsular educators privately complain about the antiquarian and corrupt practices of national-level education regulators, from the University Grants Commission to the Medical Council of India. A joint body with better standards would be a great initiative. A similar initiative is possible in healthcare here; each state enjoys specific comparative advantages. Interoperability of social welfare schemes, labour standards, and minimum wage policy would go a long way toward creating an integrated single market that is indispensable for the next phase of high productivity and high skill, transforming double peninsular per capita incomes in 10 years.

The most important area of collaboration is fiscal policy. A joint-peninsular fiscal strategy is essential to implement the reforms needed for effective future fiscal operations. Peninsular states are revenue-constrained. There is not much they can do about this with respect to taxes in the divisible pool, but they all punch well below their weight when it comes to their own tax revenue, especially property tax and real estate taxes—these are essentially giveaways to rent-seekers. There is a resultant over-reliance on sin taxes.

Equally, harmonising procurement and tendering by creating a peninsular professional body would reduce corruption and improve the standards and quality of public goods and infrastructure services. The peninsula is rapidly urbanising. So, coordinated action plans for financing urban infrastructure through the creation of an aggregator financing entity that leverages the considerable economic and fiscal weight of the five states would enable access to finance capital on more favourable terms. Joint debt management and pooling of domestic debt ceilings would also increase fiscal prudence and improve debt sustainability metrics.

Peninsular states are economically and socially more advanced than the rest of India. They are dealing at this time with a churlish and uncooperative central government that seems only interested in extracting resources to subsidise geographies where it is politically dominant and favouring its own crony capitalists—look at what happened to India's airports in just five years. Peninsular cooperation is, therefore, an imperative, not a luxury. The socio-economic conditions are already in place but shaping such cooperation will require individual states to put aside their parochial concerns, stop taking potshots at neighbours, and invest political capital in muting petty ground-level rivalries. This will also help the peninsula present a united front against religious bigotry.

Peninsular cooperative federalism is a grand idea whose time, I believe, has come. Just as in years past, a spluttering, ineffective and parochial Union government in Delhi is now an unwitting catalyst for co-operative change. It is now for the peninsula's political leadership to seize the moment.

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SOFT STEPS OF HEMANT

RENUKA NARAYANAN

FAITHLINE

SOMETHING beautiful is happening if we but hark. The holy month of Agrahayana or Margashirsha begins on November 22 this year and ends on December 21. The North Indian panchang says it began on November 6 and ends on December 4, so by that reckoning, we are already in it. It is the ninth month of the Hindu lunar calendar and the Indian national calendar. The name of the month comes from the position of the moon near the Mrigashirsha *nakshatra* on full moon day. Its season is pre-winter, when the harvest is done; the delightful time we call Hemant. Since pre-winter begins earlier in the temperate zone of the North than in the tropical zone of the South, the dates slide, too. That is how it was once explained to me.

Sri Krishna tells Arjuna in the *Bhagavad Gita*, Canto 10, Verse 35: *bṛihat-sāma tathā sāmnāṁ gāyatrī chhandasām aham/māsānāṁ mārga-śhīrṣho 'ham ṛitūnāṁ kusumākaraḥ*, meaning, 'Among the hymns in the *Samaveda* know me to be the Brihatsama; amongst poetic meters I am the Gayatri. Of the twelve months of the calendar, I am Margashirsha, and of seasons I am Spring, which brings forth flowers.'

On a mundane level, tummy upsets are common in India when seasons change, so one of the rules made 'holy' so that the public will follow it for its own good, is: "Do not eat stale food in the month of Margashirsha. Always eat fresh food." This is actually a good rule for the whole year, though obviously, we are now able to keep food edible for days in the fridge, even frozen for months at a time. A hardcore South Indian friend was amused when she visited an NRI friend in London, and the friend said, "What about dinner? Shall I take out a brick of rasam?" I, too, belong to the fresh food brigade, which sometimes causes problems with leftovers. Back in the day, if I came home late from work, I found myself preferring to toast some fresh bread rather than warm up those little *katoris* of leftover *dal* and *sabzi*. But each to their own in this matter, as in so many others.

Another old practice during Margashirsha is to fast on Thursdays and pray to Goddess Lakshmi for health, wealth, and happiness. These rites are gently urged on the public to help them enter the spiritual side of things, first by addressing their need for material security. Because, once the mind is soothed of its earthly worries, having put in a request to Mahalakshmi, it can dwell pleasurably on the holy events contained in Margashirsha.

This month, called Margazhi in Tamil, is special to both Vaishnavas and Shaivas. Andal's *Thiruppavai* is recited across Tamil Nadu, especially in the holy city of Srirangam, the Vaishnava Central of the South. Andal 'vanished' at this temple in the ninth century. Sri Ramanuja, the founder of Srivaishnavism in the tenth century, was greatly inspired by Andal's devotion. He fulfilled her promise to feed the public a hundred pots of a particular sweet pudding if Krishna would accept her. So, he is fondly seen as her spiritual brother. Sri Ramanuja's influence spread North and became an all-India movement, carried to the far corners of the land by various holy men. If we think about it, one of the greatest egalitarian socio-religious movements to transform India was a lamp lit by a girl-child from long ago.

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It was this month, when the star Arudra was in the ascendant, that Lord Nataraja performed his divine dance for the sages Vyagrapada and Patanjali at Chidambaram. There are so many uplifting, moving stories about Lord Shiva's *lilas* or games with his devotees at Chidambaram that we'd need a large hanky or a box of tissues handy to hear them out. The Tamils lovingly called him Koothan, meaning 'Dancer', and sculptors meditated deeply before fashioning his images.

The poet Muthu Tandavar (1525–1600 CE) 'vanished' into the sanctum at Chidambaram on the very day of the Arudra *nakshatra*. Tandavar was cruelly kicked out by his parents as a little boy from his home in Sirkali town in the Kaveri delta, because he had an incurable skin infection. He joined the line of beggars at the local Shiva temple because where else could he go? But Parvati healed him and advised him to compose a new song for Shiva every day at Chidambaram.

When Tandavar, greatly daring, nervously finished his first song, a big commotion broke out because five gold coins of great antiquity suddenly appeared at the Lord's feet. Just as Parvati had healed Tandavar's body, Koothan Shiva healed his broken heart with this gesture, telling him he was not rejected, but belonged. This is but one of many stories that illumine our land. Tandavar's poignant songs are still sung by everyday people and by great concert musicians.

Gita Jayanti, celebrated every year, falls in Margashirsha, for the Bhagavad Gita was imparted by Krishna to Arjuna on the first day of the Battle of Kurukshetra in this month. Canto Ten is where the Lord spells out his presence in our midst, including "Of the months I am Margashirsha". Canto Eleven, where the Lord transfigures himself to appease Arjuna's audacious longing, has some of the most beautiful poetry in the known history of the world. Canto to Sixteen, which describes the difference between 'divine' and 'demoniac' natures, has long held cult status and is attributed with great magical powers.

In so many ways, Margashirsha is the gift that keeps giving.

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Disproportionate wages

Ref: *Low inflation optics and cost of living politics* (Nov 16). Despite many headlines of falling inflation, people on the ground feel no real relief because of stagnant wages. Politicians continue with their bravado, but growth is not possible without wage raises.
Resham Khan, Dehradun

Rahul's downfall

Ref: *Rahul's reign of relentless defeats* (Nov 16). Leadership qualities are an amalgamation of efforts, ideology, agility, perseverance and having real advisers with intellectual acumen. Leadership should have influence rather than authority. Do we see any of these qualities in Rahul Gandhi?
Jitendranath Guru, Padampur

Congress criticality

Ref: *Rahul's reign of relentless defeats* (Nov 16). It is really painful to read that Congress has become an endangered specie. Unfortunately, the party is not in a position to do deep introspection on its recurring inability to grab the pulse of the public.
G Nataraja Perumal, Tenkasi

Coalition currents

Ref: *NiMo landslide* (Nov 15). The decisive election victory was fundamentally driven by the consolidation of the state's electoral landscape. This outcome defied typical anti-incumbency fatigue, highlighting the critical role of alliance architecture and the electoral potency of targeted welfare schemes. The results, however, raise questions about federal fairness, as the dominance of the ruling party can influence allocation of development funds to non-ruling states.
S Padmanabhan, Kochi

Radicalist complex

Ref: *Anatomy of a white-collar terror module* (Nov 16). The reasons for the radicalisation of professionals extend far beyond simple alienation, misguided idolisation or identity crises. There is a larger, more complex landscape of emotional, socio-political, and psychological factors to be acknowledged. A persistent sense of being left behind can create fertile ground for radical influences.
Kattamreddy A Rupesh, Nagapattinam

FDI blow

Ref: *Korean firm ditches TN for AP* (Nov 16). The Tamil Nadu government should not have slipped the opportunity. If the state expects markets to be perfect, then it is living in a utopian world. Losing out on foreign reserves and secure job opportunities at such a critical time can be irreparable.
S Ramakrishnasayee, Chennai

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POSTS OF THE DAY

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The BJP claims to stand for "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas;" yet its leaders and top functionaries repeatedly make hate speeches and fan communal flames.

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As guardians of our Democratic institutions, the media must uphold its duty with courage, integrity and independence - with no fear and no favour.

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During times of crisis, it is folk songs and folk art that preserve history... We should feel a sense of pride for our motherland, our land of gods...

● Amir Rashid Ali was first picked up by J&K Police on Nov 11, who bought i20 car using papers of a fellow villager

NIA arrests 'owner' of car used in Red Fort blast

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THE National Investigating Agency (NIA) claimed a major breakthrough on Sunday in the ongoing probe into the Red Fort bomb blast case by arresting Amir Rashid Ali, an associate of the alleged suicide bomber Dr Umar un Nabi. Crucial details are emerging from Jammu and Kashmir about the role played by Ali, his brother Umar Rashid, and one Tariq Ahmed.

According to sources, Jammu and Kashmir Police had picked Ali for questioning on November 11, a day after the deadly explosion took place near the Red Fort. The NIA later brought him to Delhi for questioning, after which he was formally arrested.

Ali works with the Power Development Department of the state government, while his brother Umar Rashid works as a plumber.

Hailing from the Samboora village of south Kashmir's Pulwama district, Ali is said to be the last official buyer of the i20 car which was used by Nabi in the alleged suicide bombing on the evening of November 10. He had reportedly sold it to Nabi, though it was last registered in the name of Ali.

Sources said that Ali used documents of one Tariq Ahmed, also a resident of Samboora, for buying the car. The investigators have found that

Ali has even been using a SIM card registered in Ahmed's name for the last few years.

The police have detained Ahmed as well, who is being interrogated by the state police officials to ascertain his involvement in the inter-state white-collar militant network and the Delhi blast. Source said that Ali, during the questioning, may have revealed more information to the interrogators about his role in the network and his association with Nabi.

The inter-state militant network was busted by the state police during a probe into the pasting of Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) posters in Kashmir. On October 19, JeM posters were found pasted at different locations in Bunpora, Nowgam, and the outskirts of Srinagar, targeting the police and security forces.

The NIA, meanwhile, said that it was working closely with the state police departments of Delhi, Jammu and Kashmir, Haryana, and Uttar Pradesh as well as sister agencies. "The NIA is continuing its investigation across states and pursuing multiple leads to unearth the larger conspiracy behind the bombing and identify others involved in the case," it said.

The police investigation exposed the inter-state white collar militant network of medical professionals leading to arrest of many Kashmiri doctors, including Dr Adeel Ahmed Rather and Dr Muzamil Ahmad Ganai, and recovery of a large amount of explosives and IED devices at the rented accommodation of Ganai, who was working at in Al Falah University in Faridabad.

Recovery of two live, one empty 9 mm bullets near site puzzles investigators

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

INVESTIGATORS probing the November 10 Red Fort blast, are now focusing on a puzzling discovery: three bullet cartridges found scattered near the burnt Hyundai i20 that exploded killing 13 people and injuring over two dozen.

The cartridges, two live rounds and one empty shell were collected during a detailed examination of the debris, raising concerns over how ammunition of a restricted calibre surfaced at the site of a terror-linked explosion.

According to officials, the rounds were identified as 9mm cartridges, a category reserved for specialised government units or individuals with explicit authorisation. "The staff deployed at the spot were also asked to check their issued ammunition, but none was found missing. The cartridges were there, but there was no weapon to fire them," said a source.

Agencies are also reconstructing the exact route taken by the key accused, Umar Nabi, from the time he left Faridabad, travelled through Nuh in Haryana, and finally reached Delhi where he reportedly stopped for tea shortly before the blast They are correlating tower locations, call records, and footage from more than 50 CCTV cameras to recreate his movement.

The agencies are also examining a suspected hawala trail linked to arrested doctors Muzammil and Shaheen, with preliminary findings indicating transfers totalling nearly ₹20 lakh from suspected foreign handlers. Of this, around ₹3 lakh is said to have been spent on fertiliser procurement.

PROBE UPDATE

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BHU researchers revive timeless rice variety 'Adam Chini'

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

FARMERS in the eastern districts of Uttar Pradesh are seeing their dreams take flight with the revival of the aromatic black rice variety, Adamchini. This initiative, led by agricultural scientists at Banaras Hindu University (BHU), has recently achieved significant breakthroughs in improving the variety's resilience and productivity.

The Adamchini rice, known for its sugar-crystal-like grains, pleasant aroma and superior cooking qualities, has long faced challenges due to its tall stature and slow maturation. Historically, its height, reaching up to 165 cm, made it vulnerable to lodging in adverse weather, damaging the texture and yield.

Additionally, the rice's long maturity period (155 days) and low yields (20-23 quintals per hectare) discouraged farmers from scaling up production, despite strong market demand, particularly from Australia and New Zealand.

In response to these challenges, Professor Shravan Kumar Singh and his team at BHU's Department of Genetics and Plant Breeding have spent over 14 years researching ways to enhance Adamchini without compromising its core qualities. The breakthrough came with the use of mutagenesis, a technique that has successfully reduced the rice's height, shortened its maturity period and increased its yield, all while retaining the signature aroma and grain type.

The research team has developed 23 novel mutant lines of Adamchini, including varieties with a reduced height (105 cm for mutant-14), earlier maturity (120 days for mutant-19), and higher yields (30-35 quintals per hectare for mutants 14, 15, 19, and 20).

These improvements have made the rice more suitable for mass production while retaining its coveted fragrance, which is said to surpass that of popular Basmati.

These advancements have been particularly welcomed by farmers in the eastern foothills of the Vindhya mountain ranges, spanning districts like Chandauli, Mirzapur, Sonbhadra and parts of Varanasi. The state government has since branded Adamchini as "Vindhya Black Rice".

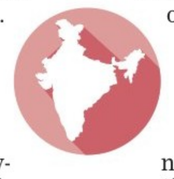
Govt plans to take 'Incredible India' to newer markets with rebranding

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

THE Ministry of Tourism has launched efforts for rebranding one of its most successful campaigns—Incredible India—to target new markets. The ministry is also set to start working on a complete new comprehensive brand strategy and executing integrated marketing campaigns highlighting India's diversity, culture, heritage, and modern tourism offerings. The campaign was launched in 2002 to promote the country as a world-class travel destination. According to the officials, the aim for repositioning the 'Incredible India' brand is to refresh, strengthen, and align the brand with evolving traveller expectations and drive sustained growth across international and domestic source markets.

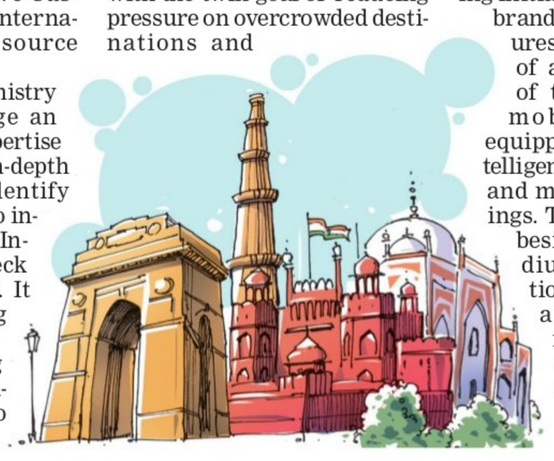
As a first step, the ministry has planned to engage an agency with proven expertise in the field to initiate in-depth market research to identify groups of travellers who intend or may like to visit India and trends and check competitive countries. It will also help in figuring out evolving preferences and benchmarking against global competitors and data analysis to know actionable insights for campaign development. "The research will make us understand the profile and behaviour of foreign tourists or international visitors. Who are our competitors? How do the travellers select destinations and plan? What experiences are they looking for... This help will help in planning better tourism campaigns," said officials.

The emphasis, at the same time, will be for leveraging domestic tourism. The comprehensive communication strategy, according to objectives and branding guidelines, will focus on promoting new and lesser-known destinations in the domestic market, with the twin goal of reducing pressure on overcrowded destinations and fostering responsible tourism along with the awareness of being a responsible traveller.



Over the years, the ministry has led multiple campaigns to position India as a preferred travel destination. However, 'Incredible India' has become one of the most recognised tourism campaigns globally. This was followed by 'Incredible India 2.0' in 2017, marking a shift from generic promotion to thematic, product-based marketing. In 2020, the ministry launched the 'Dekho Apna Desh' initiative to promote domestic tourism and encourage citizens to explore their own country.

The ministry has been taking initiative to strengthen the brand with different measures like the introduction of an enhanced version of the Incredible India mobile application equipped with Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based features and more innovative offerings. The officials said that besides conventional mediums of communication and publicity such as print advertisements and television and radio commercials, a lot of attention is being given to "new media".



Vice Prez hails 'guardian of the public purse'

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

VICE-President and Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, CP Radhakrishnan, on Sunday hailed the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) as the "guardian of the public purse," emphasising its crucial role in safeguarding public funds and promoting good governance. He also praised the CAG's 165-year legacy of dedicated service since the establishment of the office of the Auditor General in 1860.

Presiding over the 5th Audit Diwas celebrations in New Delhi as chief guest, the VP also remarked, "Supreme Audit Institutions across the world share one common purpose: to protect public money and promote good governance. Among them, the CAG of India stands proudly, upholding the principles of accountability, transparency, and integrity in public life".

'The answer is us': Indigenous groups protest

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THE last three summits —held in autocratic Egypt, the United Arab Emirates and Azerbaijan—offered no such freedom. Here in Brazil, marchers revelled in their right to be heard, their voices rising in a city chosen precisely to focus the world's attention on the Amazon and its defenders.

Indigenous groups led much of the procession, their painted faces and feathered headdresses a vivid reminder of who stands on the frontlines of climate breakdown. Their banners spoke of mining threats, land invasions and agribusiness encroachment. "The answer is us," read their signs, a tellingmessage to negotiators working behind fences at the conference venue.

The march came at the halfway point of COP30, a summit already marked by tension. Indigenous activists had twice disrupted proceedings earlier in the week, demanding their voices carry weight in decisions that will shape their survival. Saturday's peaceful procession channelled that urgency into spectacle, transforming anger into art and desperation into dance.

The protesters' energy stood in contrast to the slow grind of negotiations inside the conference halls. Delegates remained stuck on fundamental questions, on how to deliver the $300 billion in annual climate finance promised to poorer nations, how to ensure countries implement years of pledges, and how to respond to national climate plans that scientists say remain largely inadequate.

Brazil, as host, has taken an unusual approach. President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva's government has indicated it will not pursue a traditional cover decision, a grand agreement typically hammered out in the final hours of these summits. Instead, the focus is on implementation of existing commitments. What that means in practice remains unclear, even as the talks enter second week.

The challenges are immense. The United States has sent no delegation, with President Donald Trump stuck in the fog climate denial. Meanwhile, analysis suggested a record 1,600 fossil fuel lobbyists are attending, a staggering 12% increase from last year. Against this backdrop, expectations for breakthrough agreements remain modest. Most hope for incremental progress on past promises rather than transformative new commitments.

The talks are scheduled to conclude on November 21. Between now and then, negotiators must navigate four major sticking points, comprising climate finance, trade, transparency, and the inadequacy of national climate plans. These issues have been shunted into separate, so-called presidency consultations, a sign of how difficult consensus has become.

Outside the negotiating rooms, the marchers carried their own message. Women in black lace veils mourned fossil fuels as if at a funeral. Rural workers demanded river protections. Youth activists held signs declaring "enough is enough" with theory and meetings. The crowd was a coalition of the threatened that included indigenous communities, small farmers, island nations facing rising seas, and young people inheriting awarming world.

As the procession wound its way through Belém, it splashed vibrant paint across grey proceedings. Whether that colour and passion can penetrate the conference walls and shift the pace of negotiations remains to be seen. But for one afternoon at least, the streets belonged to those demanding that the world finally match its climate promises with action.

Cong wakes up to SIR concerns, calls meeting

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

WEEKS after the Election Commission launched the second phase of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in 12 states and UTs, including poll-bound Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Kerala, and Puducherry, the Congress has called a review meeting of party functionaries from all regions where the revision process is under way.

A senior party leader said the meeting, involving AICC incharges, Pradesh Congress Committee chiefs, Congress Legislature Party leaders, and secretaries of the 12 States and UTs, will be held at Indira Bhawan in New Delhi on Tuesday.

The meeting is expected to assess ground reports submitted by state units and prepare a unified response to SIR.

On October 27, the ECI rolled out the second phase of SIR, expected to cover nearly 51 crore voters in 12 states and UTs.

The initiative has sparked political unease in opposition-ruled states. Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, and Kerala have escalated their objections to the move, with some even exploring legal options.

As reported by *TNIE*, despite being the primary opposition party, the Congress had not convened a joint meeting or crafted a coordinated strategy with its alliance partners on SIR.

The Congress's renewed push comes in the aftermath of the Bihar debacle. The move also signals its intent to step up the 'vote theft' pitch as the Bihar rout has intensified concerns within the ranks over organisational shortcomings and voter-list issues, and alliance coordination.

The November 18 meeting is expected to review discrepancies flagged by state units, evaluate PCCs' preparedness to monitor SIR rollout, and explore coordination mechanisms with other INDIA bloc partners.

INSIDER TRACK

Rumblings in Cong after Bihar rout

The knives are out in Congress after the party's dismal showing in Bihar. Senior leaders, already frustrated by a string of electoral setbacks, are now questioning Rahul Gandhi's leadership in private conversations. The central leadership is catching the blame for the party's steady decline. Shashi Tharoor has called for a proper post-mortem of the Bihar debacle, pointedly noting that he wasn't asked to join the campaign. Rahul's frequent foreign trips have added to the anger. Complaints are piling up over what many believe was a muddled ticket-distribution process lacking clarity and planning. His absence on counting day—he was reportedly in Abu Dhabi—has sparked questions about priorities at the very top. Many in the party expect stormy internal debates, and perhaps a revolt, in the days ahead.

Uttar Pradesh mulling Nitish model

While the NDA's extraordinary Bihar sweep is widely credited to its cash-transfer schemes for women, Uttar Pradesh is abuzz with talk that the government may adopt a similar playbook. Elections in UP are in 2027, and officials say the government is exploring a large-scale cash transfer programme that could cover nearly 5 crore women. Bihar's Mukhyamantri Mahila Rojgar Yojana, under which Nitish Kumar transferred ₹10,000 to women just before the poll announcement, is being closely studied in Lucknow. Opposition parties insist the scheme tilted Bihar's electorate towards the NDA.

Spotlight back on Pradhan

The Bihar win has quietly changed the mood inside the BJP, prompting a few leaders to wonder if Dharmendra Pradhan might now be headed for a bigger organisational role. No one is saying it openly, and the party's day-to-day work hasn't skipped a beat — Dr K Laxman even went ahead with the standard meetings for the upcoming organisational elections. Yet the timing raised eyebrows. Pradhan reached the headquarters to booming cheers, greeted by workers who joked that someday he might become the party's real Pradhan. Whether that idea has any basis hardly mattered. The jokes kept flowing, the warmth was unmistakable, and, for a moment, the mood seemed to tilt gently in his favour.

CPWD's rotation rush

A low hum of urgency travelled through CPWD offices after word spread of a firm December deadline to shift out officials who had overstayed in sensitive posts. More than three hundred officers, well past their mandated tenures, had drawn the Central Vigilance Commission's glare during a recent review. The rotation policy exists precisely to prevent this build-up — the longer someone stays in a sensitive seat, the higher the risk that cosy interests will take root. The CVC has repeatedly reminded the department about service rotation, but this time the nudge feels sharper. Units have now been instructed to complete all pending movements and file action-taken reports.

Countdown on for petroleum secy

With Petroleum Secretary Pankaj Jain moving to the Eighth Central Pay Commission and his retirement approaching, conversations have turned to succession. Atish Chandra, a 1994-batch Bihar-cadre IAS officer now a Special Secretary in the PMO, is said to be a leading contender. The moment adds its own weight — global energy dynamics are shifting quickly, and major powers are digging in on questions of fossil-fuel access and pricing. The government reportedly wants a senior administrator with a strong grounding in both domestic and international energy markets. Chandra's experience is seen as aligning neatly with that expectation.

Gap at top of skilling mission

In the skill development ecosystem, a persistent concern is making the rounds: both NCVET and NSDC have been headless for over 6 months. Nothing looks broken on the surface — training flows continue, paperwork moves, and stakeholders keep to their schedules. But the absence of formal leadership at two key bodies that set standards, accredit partners, and shape long-term skilling pathways has begun to feel prolonged. Industry executives admit decisions are getting cleared, just at a slower, more cautious pace. Files hover a little longer, and strategic shifts pause mid-air. For now, the machinery runs, but many quietly hope the leadership vacuum closes soon.

3 MAOISTS KILLED

Three Maoists, carrying a collective reward of ₹15 lakh, were killed in an encounter with security personnel in Chhattisgarh's Sukma district on Sunday, police said.

2 KILLED AS CONTAINER TRUCK HITS STATIONARY VEHICLE IN UP

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	29	16	Mumbai	31	24
Bhopal	24	11	Panaji	33	22
Jaipur	26	13	Patna	27	16
Amritsar	26	10	Lucknow	28	14
Chennai	28	26	Port Blair	29	26
Kolkata	29	21	Imphal	26	13
Srinagar	17	02	Chandigarh	24	10

● NDA to give due representation to women who played key role in win ● After rout, party leaders to deliberate on strengthening base

JDU, BJP working on caste arithmetic in new cabinet

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Some allies may be sent to state legislative council

A senior BP leader indicated on Sunday that the new state cabinet will include 16–17 ministers from various castes under the BJP quota, 15–16 from the JD(U) quota, excluding the CM post for Nitish Kumar, 3–4 from the LJP (RV) and 1 or 2 from HAM and RLM. There is also a possibility of sending some allies to the state legislative council.

THE next NDA government in Bihar is expected to give proportional representation to all castes as well as women. Sources indicated that the NDA, led by JDU's Nitish Kumar, has decided to form the new cabinet by November 20-21, ensuring representation to all prominent castes that voted for the alliance to advance a new model of social justice.

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In a bid to cut into RJD's core Yadav vote bank, NDA fielded candidates from the community this election. According to data, the JDU fielded 10 Yadav candidates, of whom eight won. Out of BJP's eight Yadav candidates, five won; LJP (RV) fielded five, of whom two won. "Under emerging tilt of Yadav caste towards NDA, the government will ensure cabinet representation to the community, which constitutes more than 14.5% of state's population," a Yadav leader of BJP said, requesting anonymity. "NDA's new model of social justice will reflect PM's mantra of 'Saab ka Saath' for 'Saab ka Vikas' through 'Saab ke prayas'," he said.

Twenty candidates from Kushwaha community won on NDA tickets – six from BJP and 11 from JD(U) compared to only six of the grand alliance, including three from RJD. According to results, the NDA now has 12 Brahmin MLAs, 32 Rajput, 20 Kushwaha, 2 Kayashtha, 15 Yadav, 33 from other OBC categories, 23 Bhumihar, 11 Paswan, 20 SCs, 32 EBCs, one ST and one Muslim.

"Women, who played a crucial role in delivering the NDA's landslide victory, are certain to gain appropriate representation in the new Bihar government," an alliance leader said.

Ten women candidates fielded by BJP have won. Out of JD(U)'s 12 women candidates, nine have won. Of 88 women fielded by parties of NDA and GA, 28 have been elected.

RJD to hold reflection meet of winners & losers today

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Party slipped to third position in the seats tally

The Rashtriya Janata Dal secured 23% of the vote share, a slight dip from the 23.11% received in the 2020 polls in which it emerged as the single-largest party with 75 seats in the 243-member Bihar assembly. This time it slipped to the third position in seats tally, with the BJP bagging a total of 89 seats and the Janata Dal (United) 85.

AMID political churn, the RJD has convened a meeting with its newly elected MLAs, party candidates and other senior leaders on Monday to analyse the reasons for debacle in the Bihar assembly elections.

Apart from the 25 newly elected MLAs, former MLAs, candidates who lost in the polls and other senior leaders have been asked to be present at the meeting to be chaired by Tejashwi Prasad Yadav, who was INDIA's CM face. Candidates who lost election by narrow margin have been entrusted specific tasks for the meeting, a senior RJD leader said.

He said the meeting will also deliberate on strengthening party's base at the grassroots level. "There is nothing new in the meeting. Every party holds review meeting after the election results are announced. The leaders will discuss reasons for party's poor performance in assembly polls," RJD spokesperson Chitranjan Gagan said.

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In the 2025 Bihar assembly election, NDA secured three-fourths majority by getting 202 seats while Opposition Mahagathbandhan could bag only 35 seats. BJP emerged as the single largest party with 89 seats, followed by JD (85) and RJD (25). LJP (RV) got 19, Congress-6, AIMIM-5, HAM- 5, RLM-4, CPI (ML) -2 and IIP, CPI (M) and BSP one seat each.

According to the Election Commission, NDA secured 46.52% of vote, ahead of Mahagathbandhan's 37.64%. Around 1.15 crore people voted for RJD candidates. Congress finished with 8.71%, Left parties with 4.18%, VIP with 1.38% and IIP with 0.37%. Congress narrowly avoided its lowest tally ever (4 seats in 2010), RJD's worst performance, too, was in 2010 election (24 seats).

The BJP, which emerged as the single-largest party with 89 seats, got 20.08% of the votes, up from the 19.46% in 2020. According to the EC, 1,00,811,43 people voted for the BJP.

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State Congress to hold 60-day Jan Akrosh Yatra

Congress has opened a fresh front against the BJP government ahead of Gujarat's local body polls, by launching a 60-day, statewide Jan Akrosh Yatra. After the Somnath-to-Dwarka farmers' march, the party will now storm five zones, covering 1,100 km from Vav-Tharad starting November 21. Public meetings across seven districts and 40 talukas will spotlight anger over farmers' distress, youth unemployment, women's safety and inflation. State Congress chief Amit Chavda slammed the BJP's three-decade rule as "British-style governance" that filled state coffers but emptied people's hopes. The mobilisation signals Congress' aggressive pitch.

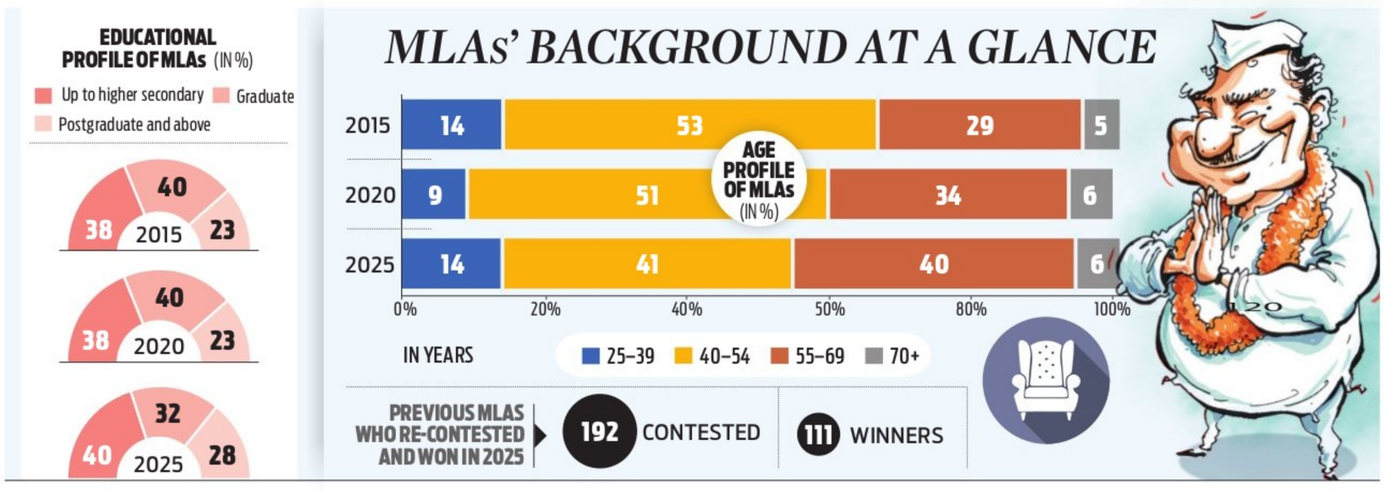
Rude jolt for BJP in municipal elections

The BJP has suffered a jolt in Dahod's Devgadh Baria Municipality, where independents, Congress members and BJP's own suspended councillors united to snatch power. Suspended BJP member Neel Soni defeated BJP's Dharmesh Kalal to claim the president's post after a no-confidence revolt shattered the ruling camp. Analysts call it BJP's growing factional fire, not just dissent. Soni won with a 16-vote bloc cutting across party lines, accusing Kalal of nepotism and zero development. Kalal denied wrongdoing but failed to stop the November 10 election despite a High Court plea. The upset signals a sharp crack in BJP's local grip.

BJP MLA stirs row with anti-Congress remarks

With panchayat elections nearing, Padra BJP MLA Chaitanya Singh Jhala ignited a political storm at the Mobha Snehamilan event. Attacking Congress as being "loud liars," he claimed Padra's development was stalled for years because of them from the highway project to drinking water supply. Jhala went further, alleging Rohingya migrants were living in Padra and "snatching citizens' rights," adding that such people must be traced and "sent back to Bangladesh." He said BJP governments at every level were delivering work on the ground, while Congress survived only on false credit-taking. His fiery remarks have intensified the heat in Vadodara.

Lesser youth, more women in new House



VISMAY BASU @New Delhi

THE astronomical victory of the NDA by securing 202 of the 243 seats in the recent Bihar Assembly polls forms the focus of the report published by the PRS Legislative Research.

While the BJP finished with 89 seats, and JD(U) with 85, the RJD fell sharply to 25 seats. This shift suggests a public mood that leaned toward continuity in governance and familiar leadership rather than experimentation. Some voters who had earlier alternated between alliances appear to have prioritised stability amid economic and social strain, and this is visible in the high return rate of incumbents, the report said.

Of the 250 MLAs who had served in the previous Assembly, 192 contested again and 111 won, a success rate of 58%. Former ministers also gained from public recognition, as 39 of the 49 who contested were re-elected. Women reached their highest representation so far with 29 MLAs, forming 12% of the House. Many among them are younger, with 13 between 25 and 39 years. Yet half of them do not have college degrees, reflecting both the social constraints they face and the persistence of uneven access to higher education.

Voters often appear to favour candidates who have strong social presence rather than formal qualifications, and this is visible in the overall educational distribution. Forty per cent of all MLAs do not have a college degree even as the number of postgraduates has risen since 2020. The Assembly also grew older.

MLAs aged 55 or above form 46% in 2025, up from 40% in 2020 and 34% in 2015.

Younger candidates appear to struggle for entry unless backed by strong organisational experience or inherited political networks, which slows generational change and affects the shape of legislative debate.

Politics and social work remain the most common professional backgrounds. Sixty per cent of MLAs belong to this category, while agriculture remains prominent and medicine accounts for only about one percent. The dominance of full-time political workers suggests that public life in Bihar is becoming more embedded in long-term organisational roles. This may strengthen local responsiveness but can also limit the variety of expertise entering the House.

The profile of women, younger leaders with limited higher education, older incumbents and career political workers shows a state negotiating social mobility but still carrying deep structural constraints.

Cong over-bargained in Bihar, lack of synergy hurt alliance, says Tariq Anwar

PREETHA NAIR @New Delhi

IN view of the Congress's poor show in the Bihar Assembly elections, former Union Minister and Congress MP from Bihar Tariq Anwar has noted that the party made a strategic mistake by staking claim to more than 50 seats in the Mahagathbandhan (Grand Alliance). The Congress does not have a strong organisational network in the state to justify the seat share, the Katihar MP believes.

Given that the Congress managed to win only six out of the 61 seats it contested in the elections, Anwar said the party must now introspect if it wants to remain competitive in polls.

Discussing the thumping victory of the Nitish Kumar-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA), which secured 202 seats, Tanwar observed that the transfer of ₹10,000 each to the bank accounts of crores of women and the special intensive revision of the voter list were the key factors that worked in favour of the ruling party. "The money was transferred to the bank accounts of women just days before the Election Commission announced the polling dates, and the EC did not stop it. It wasn't fair on the panel's part. So, there was a major turnout of women in favour of the NDA. That's one of the major reasons for their win," he expressed, adding, "And of course, our organisational weakness and internal strife were also reasons behind our party's poor performance. Unless the organisation adapts quickly, the party may struggle to regain ground in the Assembly elections scheduled for next year."

The leader also admitted that the stalemate over seat-sharing negotiations and the lack of coordination between the alliance partners also dented the prospects. "The coordination between alliance partners was not up to the mark. All stakeholders are responsible for it," he added.

Tanwar emphasised that the Congress must examine internal issues, such as allegations of unfair ticket distribution and the lacklustre campaign that followed. "Our campaign was also not very well organised," he admitted, highlighting the party's shortcomings in strategy as well as grassroots mobilisation.

SGPC mulls ban on lone woman for Pak jathas after pilgrim goes missing

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FILE PHOTO

THE Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) is considering barring lone women travellers from accompanying groups (jathas) to Pakistan, after a woman devotee Sarbjit Kaur (48) went missing in the neighbouring country recently.

Kaur, who was part of a pilgrimage group (Jatha) for Guru Nanak Dev's 556th birth anniversary, reportedly embraced Islam, changed her name to Noor Hussain before marrying one Nasir Hussain of Sheikhupura in Pakistan. She has a criminal history with three cheating and fraud cases registered against her in Punjab.

SGPC secretary Partap Singh said that the apex Sikh body has now been forced to revisit its policy since it was the second such incident. "Earlier in April 2018, a Sikh woman Kiran Bala had failed to return to India when she embraced Islam and changed her name to Amna Bibi after marrying a person there,'' he added.

Singh said SGPC had initially objected to Kaur going to Pakistan alone, but after she obtained the recommendations of her village sarpanch and nambardar, they sent her passport to the Pakistan embassy.

Blaming the Centre, Singh said that the committee only recommended the names of the pilgrims, and it is the sole responsibility of the Central Government, intelligence agencies and police to in verify her antecedents, as three cases were registered on her. Besides, both her sons also faced criminal cases.

Singh said that she has hurt the religious sentiments of the whole community and brought a bad name to the entire process of pilgrimage.

Kaur has a criminal history, as three cheating and fraud cases are registered on Kaur in Bathinda and Kapurthala. Also nine cases are registered between both her sons Lovejot Singh and Navjot Singh, on charges of fraud, assault and cheating in Kapurthala, Sultanpur Lodhi and Kabirpur. Both her sons were married and were not on talking terms with their mother. Meanwhile, their father (husband of Kaur) has been living in United Kingdom for more than fifteen years.

Bengal guv warns of legal action against TMC MP

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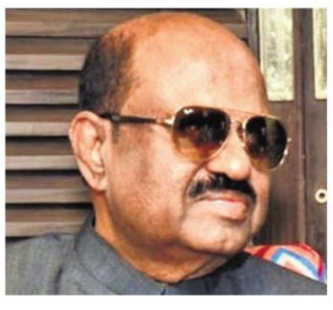

WEST Bengal Governor C V Ananda Bose on Sunday threatened to take legal action against veteran Trinamool Congress (TMC) MP Kalyan Banerjee over his "invective" remarks leading to a confrontation.

Kalyan had alleged that the Governor House Raj Bhavan has been allowing the stacking up of arms and ammunition for BJP leaders on its premises. The MP from Sreerampore in Hooghly district also claimed that the Governor should stop providing shelters to criminals (BJP leaders) inside the Raj Bhavan complex.

"As long as an incompetent governor like you remain, as long as a BJP-servant Governor is there in the state, nothing good will happen in Bengal," Kalyan added. In a sharp retort, the Governor termed allegations "inflammatory, explosive, and irresponsible." Bose demanded an apology from Kalyan, failing which he threatened to take legal action against the Trinamool Congress MP.

"When a ruling party MP says that arms and ammunition are there inside the Raj Bhavan, is he expressing his lack of confidence in the police force of the state?" Bose wondered. "Already, some people have come, and some are still coming. They can see everything themselves," the governor further added.

Meanwhile, the Raj Bhavan demanded an apology from Banerjee. It has also demanded an immediate probe as Banerjee's allegations suggest a breach of the governor's security with "Z plus" category. The BJP also strongly criticised Kalyan Banerjee's remarks.

BJP MP Jaganath Sarkar Kalyan said, "As he is an MP, action should be taken against him for such a comment."

Meanwhile, BJP MLA Agnimitra Paul said, "If arms and ammunition are found inside the Raj Bhavan, it means that the TMC MP (Kalyan Banerjee) is hitting out at CM Mamata Banerjee because the security of the Raj Bhavan is with the Kolkata Police, which is under her government."

Fisherman dies in B'desh facility, kin suspect torture

SUBHENDU MAITI @Kolkata

A deaf and mute fisherman of West Bengal died at a correctional home in Bangladesh after he and some other fishermen were arrested by the Bangladesh Naval Force for allegedly entering the neighbouring country's waters, police said on Sunday.

Bablu was a resident of Paschim Gangadharpur village under the Harwood Point coastal police station in South 24 Parganas. The family was informed about the tragedy on Saturday. His younger brother Basudeb alleged, "It is not a normal death. We suspect that he was tortured before being killed inside the jail. It's a planned murder."

PUBLIC NOTICE

I the undersigned advocate on behalf of my client **Mamatha** have filed the above petition for the death certificate of **Parvathamma W/o Late Doddashamanna was died on 02-02-1989** at karahalli Village, kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the 2nd ADDL. Civil Judge & JMFC at Devanahalli and date of hearing **on 26/12/2025 at 11.00 A.M. in C.Misc.No.549/2025.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
Sri. M. Sannegowda, Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

I the undersigned advocate on behalf of my client **Smt. Mamatha** have filed the above petition for the death certificate of **Puttamma W/o Late Eshwarachari was died on 05-06-2010** at karahalli Village, kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the 2nd ADDL. Civil Judge & JMFC at Devanahalli and date of hearing **on 26/12/2025 at 11.00 A.M. in C.Misc.No.547/2025.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
Sri. M. Sannegowda, Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby notified that our client propose to purchase the Schedule Property from Mr.C.Muralidharan, S/o.Mr.M.Chinnappan and Mrs.V.Hemavathy, W/o.Mr.C.Muralidharan, Residents of : No.45, JCOS Colony, Flat No.301, 1st Cross, Vivekanandanagar, Bangalore-560 033.

It is represented by the owners that the original Sale Deed dated 28.11.1994, Document No.8031/1994-95, Book-I, Volume 824, Pages 37 to 40, registered at the office of the Sub-Registrar, Krishnarajapuram, Bangalore, has not been delivered to their custody by the previous owners since it was lost/misplaced and therefore, if any person/s in custody of the said Sale Deed may deliver the same to the undersigned within the period specified under this notice and in the event of any claims on the basis of the lost document may lodge their complaint with attested copies of the documents to the undersigned, along with any objections for the proposed sale of the Schedule Property, with attested copies of documents so as to reach the undersigned **within 7 (SEVEN) days** from the date of the publication of this notice, failing which thereafter my clients shall proceed to complete the sale transaction as a bonafide purchaser for valuable consideration and any claims/objections received beyond the stipulated period will not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the **Residential immovable property** bearing **Site No.10 Khata No.285/1-B, E-PID No.2348702615,** situated at Kalkere, [K.R.Puram], Bangalore in Ward No.26 of Ramamurthynagar Sub-Division, presently within the revenue administrative jurisdiction of the Bangalore East Nagara Palike, and the Site measuring :

East to West : 60 Feet or 18 Meters
North to South : 40 Feet or 12 Meters
Total Area : 2,400 Square Feet or 223 Square Meters

and bounded as follows:
East by : 30 Feet Road
West by : Site No.19
North by : Site No.11
South by : Site No.9

Mr. N. JAIPRAKASH RAO,
Mrs. VEENA RAO,
Mr. N. ASHOK KUMAR
JAYPEE ASSOCIATES
LAW FIRM, # 38, "KRISHNA", I Cross, Malleswaram, BANGALORE - 560003.
PH : 23560365, 23468742, 23465286.
Email: veenajaypee@gmail.com.
contact. jaypee1234@gmail.com
Date: 16-11-2025

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II, AT BANGALORE

Case No : O.A. No.1122/2024

Summons under sub-section(4) of Section 19 of the Act, read with Sub - Rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules,1993

Between : State Bank of India, RACPC, HSR Layout , Bangalore ...Applicant

And:

Sri Sanjeev Sharma & Others ...Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993.

To: 2. M/s. GVG Infrastructure Pvt Ltd., (Formerly known as M/s. CMRS Infrastrure Pvt Ltd., Office at : No. 589, 3rd Floor 'C' block, AECS Layout, Bangalore PIN - 560 037. ...**Defendant No. 2**

Whereas, this Applicant has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993, against the Defendant-2 you for recovery of a sum **Amount of debt in Rs. 50,57,456.00** (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Fifty Seven thousand four Hundred and fifty six Only) together with current and future interest and other reliefs. **Defendant No. 2** is/are therefore hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly authorized agent, in support of his/their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **19.12.2025 at 10:30 a.m.** (forenoon) as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal on this the **12th day of November 2025.**

By order of the Tribunal
Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -II

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II, AT BENGALURU

Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Financial Services
Debt Recovery Tribunal- II, Karnataka (Bengaluru), 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru - 560 001

O.A. No.512/2018

BETWEEN :
INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK ...Applicant
AND

1. M/s. Raghavendra Hollow Blocks , Represented by its Proprietor, Ms. E. Shakila, No. 17/7, 17/8, Hommadevanahalli, Basavanapura, Bengaluru - 560 083. **...Defendant No. 1**

2.Mrs. E. Shakila W/o. Mr. Ekambaram, 10th Main, 5th Cross, Pragathi Nagar, Satish Reddy Layout, Hongasandra, Bengaluru - 560 068. **...Defendant No. 2**

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993

WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an Application under section 19 of Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against the Defendnts for recovery of a sum of **INR.10,47,338.00** (Rupees Ten Lakhs Forty Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty Eight Only) together with current and future interest and other relief's.

The above Defendants are therefore, hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate or through authorised agents in support of their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on before **26.12.2025 at 10.30 a.m.** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal, on this the **30.10.2025**

Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bengaluru

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IN THE COURT OF THE VII ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU

O.S. No. 2400/2023 (CCH-19)

BETWEEN : SRI. ROHITH RAVINDRA, Aged about 19 years S/o. Late H. Ravindra, Residing at: No. 48/3, Hulimavu, Dodda Kammanahalli Main Road, Bennerghatta Main Road, Bengaluru-560076. **...PLAINTIFF**

AND : SRI. HONNAPPA @ HONNAPPA REDDY ...DEFENDANTS

Suit Summons / Notice for Defendant, Under Order V Rule 20(1) (A) of the Code of Civil Procedure by way of paper publication

2(a) Sri. N. MUNIYAPPA REDDY S/o. Late Nanjundaiah & Late Parvathamma @ Bhagyamma, **2(b) Sri. N. VIJAY BHASKAR REDDY,** Aged major, S/o. Late Nanjundaiah & Late Parvathamma @ Bhagyamma, Both are residing at: No.30, 2nd Main Road, Behind Murali Gas Agency, Ramanjaneya Layout, Bengaluru - 560037.

Whereas the Plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit against the defendants for partition and other reliefs. You being LRs of deceased Defendant No.2(a), 2(b), respectively in the above suit, you are hereby summoned to appear in this court in person or by a pleader on the day of **12.12.2025 at 11 o'Clock** to answer the same. Failing which the suit will be heard and determined as ex-parte.

SUIT SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

ITEM No. 1: All that piece and parcel of land bearing Sy.No. 47/2, measuring 1 acre, situated at Hulimavu Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South and bounded on the:- East by : Sy.No. 46/1 and Sy.No. 45, West by : Sy.No.48/2 & Sy.No. 47/1, North by : Sy.No. 50/3 (50/3E), South by : Land in same Survey Number, measuring 10 guntas belonging to Gullappa.

ITEM No. 2 : All that piece and parcel of land bearing Sy.No. 47/2, measuring 2 acres 1 gunta, situated at Hulimavu Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South und bounded on the:- East by : Sy.No. 45, West by : Sy.No. 47/1, North by : Sy.No. 47/2, measuring 10 guntas belonging to Gullappa, South by : Land in same Survey Number, measuring 10 guntas belonging to Gullappa.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court this day 12.11.2025.

By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

S. Sudarsana Reddy, B.N. Jagadeesh Babu
K. Venkata Sudheer, Advocates
548/51/1, 1st Floor, Guruthman Park, Andal Temple, (Behind R.V. Teachers College), R.V. Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560 004.
Mobile: 93425 81056

IN THE COMMERCIAL COURT AT BENGALURU (CCH-84)

COMM.O.S.NO.1355/2025
A/c. No. 923030029119751

BETWEEN:
AXIS BANK LIMITED
Having Its Corporate & Registered Office At Trishul, 3rd Floor, Opposite Samaratheshwar Temple, Near Law Garden, Ellis Bridge, Ahmedabad-380006, And Branch Office At Plot No.41, Sheshadri Road, Anand Rao Circle, Bangalore - 560 009
... PLAINTIFF
Represented by its Senior Manager & Authorised represententity M/s Anukthi Shetty
AND
M/s Vaima Enterprises Private Limited & Others ...Defendants

SUMMON TO DEFENDANT NO.1 TO 3 UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 20 OF C.P.C

Summons to Defendant No.1 to 3

1. M/s Vaima Enterprises Private Limited, Represented by its Managing Director Mrs. Tessy, Site No.46/1, Hullhalli Road, Hullahalli, Bengaluru - 560087

2. Mrs. Tessy, W/o Mr. Augusthu, Sapthagiri Shanrupti, 13th Cross, Neeladri Nagar, Electronic City 1st Phase, Bengaluru - 560100

3. Ms. Tintu Jose, D/o Mr. Agi PA, Kizhukkepurckal, Amulogiri, Athirampuzha, Kottayam, Kerala 686561.

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted a suit against you for recovery of a sum of **Rs.13,62,498/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Sixty Two Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Eight Only)** together with interest thereon at the rate **18% p.a.**, with costs etc. You may take notice that you are hereby directed to appear before this court, in person, or through pleader on **16.12.2025 at 11.00 a.m.,** to answer as to why relief prayer for in the suit should not be granted. If you fail to appear on the above said date, the suit will be proceeded with and decided ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **12th November 2025.**

By Order of the Court
City Civil Court,
Bengaluru

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S A Associates,
No:10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore-560 047

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1 AT BANGALORE

B.S.N.L. Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001

O. A. No. 956/2021
A/c No. PHR000901931556

BETWEEN :
AXIS BANK LTD., ...Applicant
AND
Mr. Diwakar Shekar Iddya and others ...Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (viii) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 TO THE DEFENDANTS

To,

Defendant No.1:
Mr. Diwakar Shekar Iddya S/o Sri. Shekar Iddya, Residing at No-270, Himagiri Meadows, Bannerghatta Road, Hulimavu Bangalore-560083

Defendant No.2:
Mrs. Sujata Iddya, W/o Diwakar Shekar Iddya, Residing at No-270, Himagiri Meadows, Bannerghatta Road, Hulimavu Bangalore-560083 and also at No-70, Mission Road, Bangalore-560027

Defendant No.3:
M/s Valmark Developers Private Limited, No.10, "The Residency", No-133/1, Residency Road, Bangalore- 560025

WHEREAS the Applicant has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 against you for recovery of a sum of **Rs.1,99,91,344/- (Rupees One Crore Ninety Nine Lakh Ninety One Thousand Three Hundred and Forty Four Only)** together with current and future interest and for other relief.

The above-mentioned defendants are required to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an advocate in support of their defence to show-cause within 30 days from the date of publication on or **08.12.2025 at 10.30 am (forenoon)** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the Application will be heard and determined in your absence. Take notice of interim relief sought.

Given under my hand and the seal of this tribunal on this the **25th day of August, 2025.**

REGISTRAR
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1
BANGALORE.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public my Clients 1) Mr. WILLIAMS GABRIEL.A, aged about 46 years, S/o Ananda Raj.S, 2) Mrs, THANYA GABRIEL, aged about 40 years, W/o A. Williams Gabriel, both are residing at No. 32, Chandra Cottage, 1st Cross, Grace Enclave, Basavanna Layout Geddalahalli, Kothanur Post, Bangalore 560 077, intends to purchase the Schedule Property from **SRI. R. PUSHPARAJ** S/o V. Raju, aged about 43 years, Residing at No. 5, "GENESIS VILLA" SY. No. 110/3, Srisai Layout, Vaddarapalya, Kalyana Nagar Post, Bangalore-560 043.

Any person having any objection regarding the said sale transaction may contact the undersigned advocate with relevant documents within 7 days from the date of this publication failing which it shall be deemed that there is no objection of any nature and my client will complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential premises bearing Site No. 30, Katha No. 30/2/1, property No. 2/1, situated at Geddalahalli Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bengaluru, within limits of the Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, E-PID No. 9560309308, Record No. 2487796, site No. 30, Katha No. 2/1 (PID No. 113/30), Geddalahalli, Bangalore. Measruing at East to West 64 feet, North to South 30 feet, totally measuring 1920 square feet and bounded on the: East by Road, West by Property belongs to D.J.Hatcheries, North by Site No. 31, South by : Site No. 29, Consists of 630 Sq.ft of RCC roofed on ground floor, constructed with blocks and cement, main door jagal wood and windows aluminum with red oxide flooring, with all types of basic amenities

Sd/- **M.V.Narayanaswamy,** Advocate,
No.4/1, 2nd Cross, 7th Main, PNS Layout, Subbanapalya New Exten, Kalyananagar, Bangalore -560033.
E.Mail mvnaraynaswamy66@gmail.com
Ph. 9845846694

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that our Client intends to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from **Mr. Gangineni Venkatarathnaiah @ Mr. G. V. Rathnaiah** aged about 67 years son of Mr. G. Ramanaiah residing at Flat No. 308, 4th Floor, SLV Gallery, 12th Cross, Krishna Deveraya Layout, Kogilu, Yelahanka, Bengaluru - 560 064 **("Owner").**

The Owner has represented that he is the absolute owner and is in possession of the Schedule Property and the Schedule Property is free from any kind of encumbrance, suits, and proceedings under any statute. Any person or persons asserting any right, title, interest, claim or demand whatsoever in the Schedule Property or any part thereof, by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, charge, lien, gift, inheritance, bequest, possession, lis pendens, maintenance, easement, memorandum of understanding, agreement, power of attorney, option, right of first refusal, pre-emption or otherwise whatsoever is hereby required to notify the same in writing to the undersigned within a period of **seven (7) days** from the date of issuance of this notice with all documentary proof thereof failing which our Client will treat the title of the Schedule Property as clear and marketable and will proceed to enter into the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of below mentioned Agricultural Land situated at **Koluru Village, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District:**

Item No. 1 : Sy. No. 285, 1 Acre 31 Guntas, East by : Sy. No. 286, West by : Sy. No. 291, North by : Sy. No. 157, South by : Sy.No. 155.

Item No. 2 : Sy. No. 286, 1 Acre 31 Guntas, East by : Sy. No. 157, West by : Sy. No. 285, North by : Sy. No. 157, South by : Sy.No. 155.

Sadananda P Naganur / Shruthi Nagaraj
Sadananda & Co., Legal Consultant
54/1, Central Street, Off 8th Cross, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru-560 020
Phone : 080-23449994

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ಸಹಿ/– ಉಪ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ ಹಾಗೂ ವಿಭಾಗೀಯ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕರು.

DIPR/ADK/KSMCA/711/25-26 Dt.15.11.2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public are hereby informed that, my client is intending to purchase the schedule property from its rightful owner Sri. P V RAVINDRA S/o Sri. Venkatarama Reddy, aged about 49 years, residing at Palicherlu, Chikkaballapura Taluk and District, Karnataka-562105, Aadhar No.8702 9370 2834, PAN: AYNPR9519E, who claims to have acquired title to the same by virtue of the registered Sale Deed dated 06.05.2019, executed by Sri.D.R.Mahesh S/o Sri.D.P.Rudrappa, #2/2, 15th Main, 19th Cross, Padmanabhanagar, Bangalore – 560 061. Said Sale Deed has been registered in the office of the Senior Sub-Registrar, Gandhinagar (Byatarayanapura), Bangalore as Document No.BYP-1-00974/2019-20, Book No.1, stored in CD No.BYPD352, dated 06.05.2019.

Whereas, the Vendor further claims that the schedule property is a portion of land bearing Sy.No.19/3 measuring 1 Acre of Kadigenahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, having granted by the Spl. Dy. Commissioner of Inam's Abolition to Sri.Venkatappa & Sri.Kannappa both are the sons of Munishamappa of Chikkajala Village, which later on converted from Agricultural to Residential purpose by virtue of the Official Memorandum issued by the Dy. Commissioner, Bangalore Urban vide BDS:ALN:SR(NA)64/1995-96, dated 25.07.1995.

Any persons having any claims, rights, title, interest, objections of whatsoever either towards schedule property or its transaction, then they can file their objections along with all necessary documents to the under mentioned within 15 days from the date of this notice. Failing which, it is deemed that there is no objection whatsoever from anyone in dealing with the property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

1. All that piece and parcel of vacant Site bearing No. 4, Khata No.652, Assessment No.796, E- Katha No.652/4, Town Municipal Katha No.1070/796/796/652/4, Sonnappanahalli Punchayath E-Property No:150200202100200798, Hunasamaranahalli Town Municipal Council E-Property No.5794466854, formed in residentially converted Survey No. 19/3, vide conversion order No. ALN SR (NA) 64/1995-96, dated: 25-7-1995, situated at Kadiganahalli village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North taluk, Bangalore district. Measuring on the East to West: 40 feet and North to South:(16+26)/2 feet, totally measuring 840 sq. feet and bounded on:

East by : Road, West by : Site bearing No.3,
North by : Site bearing No.5, South by : Road.

2. All that piece and parcel of vacant Site bearing No.5, Khata No.653, Assessment No.798, E-Katha No.653/5, Town Municipal Katha No.1072/798/798/653/5, Sonnappanahalli Punchayath E-Property No:15020020210 0200800, Hunasamaranahalli Town Municipal Council E-Property No.6477111487, formed in residentially converted Survey No.19/3, vide conversion order No. ALN SR (NA) 64/1995-96, dated: 25-7-1995, situated at Kadiganahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North taluk, Bangalore district. Measuring on the East to West: 40 feet and North to South: 30 feet, totally measuring 1200 sq feet and bounded:

East by : Road, West by : Site bearing No.2,
South by : Site bearing No.6, North by : Site bearing No.4.

Sri.A.Vishwanatha, Advocate
Koorlappa Complex, Maruthinagara, Kogilu Main Road, Yelahanaka, Bangalore-560 064. Mob: 9880295744. Date: 17.11.2025

J.C. FLOWERS ASSET RECONSTRUCTION PRIVATE LIMITED

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower, Co-borrower (s) and Mortgagor (s) as mentioned in column (i) in the below table, that the below described immovable properties as mentioned in column (ii) below, mortgaged / charged in favor of the J.C. Flowers Asset Reconstruction Private Limited acting in its capacity as Trustee of JCF ARC Trust 2024-25/31 ("Secured Creditor'), the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer (AO) of Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", "Whatever there is" and "No recourse" basis, on December 19, 2025 between 11.00 AM to 02.00 PM** for recovery of the amounts mentioned in column (iii) herein below due to Secured Creditor together with further interest, costs and other expenses thereon. The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are mentioned below for theproperty.

Sl. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower /Guarantor	Description of Property	Total Outstanding Dues as on March 18, 2023	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)
1	1. Satyanam Timbers ("Borrower") 2. Mr. Vijay Kumar G Patel ("Co-Borrower & Mortgagor") 3. Mrs. Meenakshi Patel ("Co-Borrower & Mortgagor") 4. Mr. Saurav Patel ("Co-Borrower")	All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Site No.2, Khatha No.69/7/2, Thindlu Yelahanka Hobli, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore measuring East to West 25 feet North to South (108+117½)/2. Total Area 2818.75 Sq. feet and **bounded on the: SITE NO.2:** East by: Site No.3; West by: Remaining portion of Smt. Manjula and Gayathri's Property; North by: Road; South by: Water Tank All that piece and parcel of Site No.3, Khatha No.69/7/3, Thindlu Yelahanka Hobli, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore measuring East to West 25 feet North to South (117 ½ +1270)/2. Total Area 3056 Sq. Feet and **bounded on the: SITE NO:3:** East by: Muniyamma Property; West by: Site No.2; North by: Road; South by: Water Tank.	Rs. 3,89,64,277.40 (Rupees Three Crore Eighty-Nine Lakh Sixty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Seven and Paise Forty Only)	Rs. 4,61,00,000 (Rupees Four Crore Sixty-One Lakh Only)	Rs. 46,10,000 (Rupees Forty-Six Lakh Ten Thousand Only)

*Dues outstanding as per the Demand notice under SARFAESI Act, 2002 dated March 21, 2023, together with further interest, costs and expenses thereon from March19, 2023.

To the best of the knowledge of the Secured Creditor there are no known encumbrances on the above secured assets other than those of the Secured Creditor. Interested bidders are hereby advised to do their own due diligence related to the Secured Asset before submission of bid. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale and the bid documents, please refer to the website: **https://www.jcfarc.comand/** or **https://www.bankeauctions.com**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale and the bid document, please refer to the website:

Date: November 17, 2025 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore **For J. C. Flowers Asset Reconstruction Company Pvt. Ltd.**
Acting in its capacity as Trustee of JCF ARC Trust 2024-25/31

Government of Karnataka

POLICE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE KALBURGI CITY

No.COP/ACT-3/STS/ITMS/12/25-26 DATE: 15.11.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement)

Commissioner Of police Kalaburgi City invites tender for TENDER FOR SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ITMS CAMERA SYSTEM WITH FACE RECOGNITION FOR KALBURGI CITY, KALBURGI Regarding Purchasing CCTV and Their Equipments For Kalaburgi City. Eligibility for bidders in bid system (Techno-commercial Bid & Financial Bid) in e-procurement mode for Details are available in the site : **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Last date and time for upload of e-tender in E-procurement platform as follows.

1) Commencement of download of e-Tender Form from website- http//eproc.karnataka.gov.in No: COP/ACT-3/STS/ITMS/12/25-26, 2) Tender Publishing Date: **15.11.2025**, 3) Last date & Time for online queries: **21.11.2025 Time:-05:30 PM**, 4) Pre-Bid meeting date and time : **25.11.2025 Time:-11:30 AM**, 5) Last Date for Uploading of Tender in e-procurement plat-form on or before: **02.12.2025 Time :- 05:30 PM**, 6) Opening of Technical Bid: **03.12.2025 Time:-05:30 PM**, 7) Opening of Price/Financial Bid: **05.12.2025 Time:-05:30 PM**, 8) Tender amount: **52,63,150=00**, 9) EMD Amount: **1,05,263=00**, 10) Contact Address for communication:Commissioner Of police, Kalaburgi City, Kalaburgi Ph:08472-248500. storeseckbc@ksp.gov.in

Sd/- Commissioner Of police
Kalaburgi City

DIPR/Kalaburagi/717/KSMC&A/2025-26

WESTERN RAILWAY

STORES DEPARTMENT
E- AUCTION SALE DURING DECEMBER 2025 FOR P-WAY & OTHER VARIOUS SCRAP
SPECIAL ATTENTION: ALL STEEL PURCHASERS & RE-ROLLERS

Public e-auction for disposal of P. way scrap, rail scrap & other various scrap material will be held in **DECEMBER 2025** as per program given below:

1st Round	2nd Round	Depot/ Division	Officer in Charge	Contact No.
02/12/2025	16/12/2025	**Ratlam**	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager-Ratlam	07412230080 09752492750
03/12/2025	17/12/2025	**Vadodara**	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager-Vadodara	02652641592 09724091750
05/12/2025	18/12/2025	**Pratapnagar**	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager-Vadodara	0265-2641592 09724091750
08/12/2025	22/12/2025	**Dahod**	Deputy Chief Materials Manager-Dahod	02673241295 09724090455
09/12/2025	19/12/2025	**Sabarmati**	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager-Sabarmati	02812476943 09724094770
10/12/2025	23/12/2025	**Mumbai Central**	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager-Mumbai Central	022-23094142 09004499006
11/12/2025	24/12/2025	**Ahmedabad**	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager-Ahmedabad	07922205888 09724093750
12/12/2025	24/12/2025	**Bhavnagar**	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager-Bhavnagar	02782444360 09724097750
15/12/2025	29/12/2025	**Rajkot**	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager-Rajkot	02812476943 09724094770
16/12/2025	29/12/2025	**Mahalaxmi**	Deputy Chief Materials Manager-Mahalaxmi	022-24929571 09004495750
16/12/2025	29/12/2025	**Pardi**	Deputy Chief Materials Manager-Mahalaxmi	022-24929571 09004495750

For detailed information please contact the concerned Depot/Divisional Officers. **Note :- 1.**Railway reserves the right to withdraw any lot from e-Auction. **2.** e-Auction will start at as per scheduled time. **3.** e-Auction catalogues will be available on site **www.ireps.gov.in** e-Auction portal. **4.** In case of any assistance required regarding e-Auction, digital signatures. Registration procedure and participation, please contact above mentioned Depot/Divisional Officer. **5.** All payment transactions shall be done through the online payment gateway.

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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. 952/Gadag/EEE/2025-26/4498 **Date: 14.11.2025**

TENDER NOTIFICATION

KPTCL invites following Office tenders pertaining to Operation Division, Gadag.

1) Supply and fixing of ABB Make REF 615 MV backup Relay of 100MVA Transformer No.3 at **220KV Station Gadag**. 2) Supply and fixing of Underhung Isolator PI and Female contact of GR Power Make Isolator of 220KV Doni Line 2 at **220KV Station Gadag.** 3) Supply and fixing of Surge Counters of 100MVA Transformer, 220KV Lines and 110KV Line at **220KV Station Gadag.** 4) Supply and fixing of Earth Switches for 220KV Lines at **220KV Station Gadag.** 5) Supply and fixing of Male Contacts of 220KV Isolators of 220KV Bagalkot line 1 and 2 **at 220KV Station Gadag.** 6) Supply and Fixing of faulty Annunciation fasia of 110KV Betageri and 110KV Lakshmeshwara Lines at **220KV Station Gadag**. 7) Repair / Replacement of faulty SANDS Make GPS Time Synchronizer unit at **220KV Station Gadag**. 8) Supplying of Maintenance Material at **220KV S/s Gadag** (Safety Audit Observation). 9) Supplying of Maintenance Material **at 110KV S/s Gajendragad** (Safety Audit Observation). 10) Supplying of Maintenance Material at **220KV S/s Harthi** (Safety Audit Observation).

Enquiry details may be obtained from the office of the undersigned from 17.11.2025 at 10:00 Hrs onwards. Due date: 01.12.2025 at 4:00 pm.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (El), Operations Division, KPTCL, Bapujinagar, Gadag.

AXIS BANK

Plot No. 41, Seshadri Road, Anand Rao Circle, Bangalore-560009

DEMAND NOTICE

A notice is hereby given that the following borrowers have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of credit facilities obtained by them from the bank and said facilities have turned in to Non-performing Assets. The notices were issued to them under section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002 on their last known addresses, however the same have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same.

Sl. No.	Name & Address of the Borrower	Property Address on Which Loan Availed	Notice Date	Bal. O/S (Claimed) in Rs.
1	**(1) Mrs. Shashi Kumar.M** D/o Mr. Muniraju, **(2) Mr. Muniraju** S/o Mr. Muniyappa, **Both are residing at:** No.7, Parijatha Building, Suryodaya Layout, Shivram Karanth Nagar, Hegdenagar, Bangalore-560077. **Also at:** Site No.29, Khatha No.477/32/3A/29, Sampigenahalli Village, Yelahanka, Hobli, Bangalore-560064. **Also at: Mrs. Shashi Kumar.M** D/o Mr. Muniraju, No.400, Thanisandra, Bangalore Urban, Bangalore-560045. **Also at: Mr. Muniraju** S/o Mr. Muniyappa No.32-G, Thanisandra, Bangalore Urban, Bangalor-560045.	**Description Of The Property Belongs To Mrs. Shashi Kumar SCHEDULE:** All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Residential Vacant Northern Portion of Site No. 29, Old BBMP Katha No. 477/32/3A/29, New BBMP Khata No. 477/32/3A/29/1, situated at Sampigehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently come under BBMP Limits., and including all rights, privileges and appurtenances there to and measuring: East to West : 40-0 feet, North to South : 40'-0 feet, Total Area: 1600 Square Feet, and bounded as follows: East by : Site No. 10, West by : Road, North by : Site No. 28, South by : Remaining Portion of Site No.29. **For any clarification, please contact Mr. Prem Mobile No. 8880041234.**	**14.10.2025** **NPA Date 03.10.2025**	**POWER HOME** **Loan A/c No. PHR05140 1616355 Amount Rs. 48,53,952/-** **O/s Amount Rs. 29,61,198/- as on 14.10.2025**

Please note that as mention in sub–sec. 13 of sec.-13 of the aforesaid Act, you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of the assets stated under security referred to in this notice without prior written consent of our bank.

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrowers and/ or the guarantors (where ever applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice as per the provision of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002. Please note that under Section 13(13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, after Receipt of Notice referred to in Sub-section (2), transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

The Borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of sections 13 of the Act. The borrowers may redeem the secured assets by paying the dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction or inviting quotations or tender from public or private treaty for transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale of the secured assets.

Date : 15.11.2025 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Axis Bank Ltd.**

Marriott INTERNATIONAL

The Ritz Carlton/JW Marriott UB City/JW Marriott Bengaluru Prestige Golfshire Resort & Spa/Sheraton Grand Bengaluru Whitefield Hotel & Convention Center/Sheraton Grand Brigade Gateway/Renaissance Hotel Race Course Road/Bengaluru Marriott Hotel Whitefield/Courtyard by Marriott Hebbal/Courtyard & Fairfield by Marriott Outer ring road /Aloft Bengaluru Outer Ring Road/Trinity Whitefield /Fairfield by Marriott Whitefield/ Fairfield by Marriott Rajajinagar/Four points by Sheraton Whitefield/Mulberry shades Bengaluru Nandi hills a tribute portfolio resort/Moxy Bengaluru/Marriott Executive Apartments UB City.

Marriott Hotels in Bangalore invites online tenders for an annual supply contract in the following categories for a period of 12 months, commencing from **1st Jan 2026 to 31st Dec 2026.**

CATEGORY					
FOOD				NON FOOD	
Sl. No.	Category	Sl. No.	Category	Sl. No.	Category
1	Indian Vegetables	16	Seafood Fresh	30	Charcoal
2	Local & Imp. Fruits	17	Fish Fresh	31	Rock Salt
3	Exotic Vegetable	18	Buffalo Meat	32	Office Stationery
4	Imported Exotic fruits & vegetable	19	Poultry Chicken (COA mandatory)	33	Packaging & Disposable
5	Dairy Products				
6	Milk & Curd (COA Mandatory)	20	Lamb	34	Cartridges
7	Dry Groceries	21	Sweet	35	Chemical
8	Pulses	22	Savories	36	CCG Hiring
9	Spices	23	Grated Coconut		
10	Dry Fruits	24	Noodles & Wonton Sheet		
11	Cashew	25	Imported Groceries		
12	Atta Maida	26	Bread & Pav		
13	Processed Vegetable & Tofu	27	Chapati		
14	MRP based Food Products	28	Micro Green		
15	Frozen Sea Food & IQF Prawns (Sustainable Certified Product)	29	Live Chat Counter		

Vendor Registration: Scan the QR code to access the registration form. Upon successful profile matching, eligible participants will receive an email with payment instructions for their selected category. The E-Tender forms will be sent to the registered email addresses by the Purchase Office at JW Marriott Golfshire Resort after confirmation of digital payment of ₹5,000 plus 18% GST per category (non-refundable), The Tender Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders, either in full or in part, without assigning any reason. Tenders may also be rejected for non-compliance or incomplete documentation. The last date for registration of the tender form and payment is **28th November 2025**. After completion of the registration process, the E-RFQ process will be rolled out for a limited period for submission of tenders. Payments received from any partner after **28th November 2025** will not be considered, and such partners will not be treated as registered suppliers nor receive the E-RFQ link for price submission.

WhatsApp **Vendors can reach out on Contact 8792929284/9663201304 for any Questions**

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Sl. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower /Guarantor	Description of Property	Total Outstanding Dues as on October 5, 2021*	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)
1	1. Majestic Distributors ("Borrower") 2. Mr. Dhiraj Kejriwal ("Co-Borrower & Mortgagor") 3. Mrs. Nidhi Kejriwal ("Co-Borrower & Mortgagor") 4. Mr. Sushil Kejriwal ("Co-Borrower")	All that piece and parcel of the Residential apartment bearing Flat No. 1054, PID No. 55-771-20/19, inLevel-5 of Block – 1 of the building "Prestige South Ridge", havingbuilt up area of 2605 sq. ft., consisting of Three Bedrooms, along with two covered car parking space, including 1524 sq. ft. undivided share, right, title, interest in Municipal No. 20 (Old no. 125/43), 4th Cross, Dattatreya Nagar, BBMP Ward No. 55, Padmanabhanagar, Bangalore measuring 413682 sq. ft., **bounded on the:** East by: Property belonging to Kempegowda Society, West by: Public Road, North by: Property belonging to Bangalore Development Authority, South by: Private properties earlier owned by Sri Lakshmaiah and Sri S. Narayana Rao	Rs. 3,14,60,421.20 (Rupees Three Crore Fourteen Lakh Sixty Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-One and Paise Twenty only)	Rs. 3,39,00,000 (Rupees Three Crore Thirty-Nine Lakh Only)	Rs. 33,90,000 (Rupees Thirty-Three Lakh Ninety Thousand only)

*Dues outstanding as per the Demand notice under SARFAESI Act, 2002 dated October 5, 2021, together with further interest, costs and expenses thereon from October 6, 2021.

To the best of the knowledge of the Secured Creditor there are no known encumbrances on the above secured assets other than those of the Secured Creditor. Interested bidders are hereby advised to do their own due diligence related to the Secured Asset before submission of bid. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale and the bid documents, please refer to the website: **https://www.jcfarc.comand/** or **https://www.bankeauctions.com**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale and the bid document, please refer to the website:

Date: November 17, 2025 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore **For J. C. Flowers Asset Reconstruction Company Pvt. Ltd.**
Acting in its capacity as Trustee of JCF ARC Trust 2024-25/31

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK
(A Scheduled Commercial Bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

Whereas you the below mentioned Borrower's, Co-Borrower's, Guarantor's and Mortgagors have availed loans from **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited,** by mortgaging your immovable properties. Consequent to default committed by you all, your loan account has been classified as **Non-performing Asset,** whereas **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** being a secured creditor under the Act, and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with rule 2 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued **Demand notice** calling upon the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors as mentioned in column No.2 to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with future interest thereon within **60 days** from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served on some of them for various reasons.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	Loan Account No. & Loan Amount	Details of the Security to be enforced	Date of NPA & Demand Notice date	Amount Due in Rs. / as on
1	1) Mrs. Usha M, 2) Mr. Chethan R, 3) Mr. Rudrappa M	Loan Account No. 45389427497049 Loan Amount: Rs.41,44,313/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Survey No.96/4, situated at Devanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Property Measuring Out of Total Land 0-21.1/2 gunta, Karab Land: 0-01.1/2 Guntas and the Scheduled Property Measuring 0-05.1/2 Guntas, out of 0-20 guntas and **Bounded on the: North by:** Remaining Portion of same Sy.No.belongs to owners (Block 1), **South by:** Remaining Portion of same Sy.No.belongs to owners (Block 3), **East by:** Road from Nileri to Devanhalli, **West by:** Sarkari Bande.	Date of NPA: 08-10-2025 Demand Notice Date: 15-11-2025	**Rs.46,09,798/-** (Rupees Forty Six Lakh Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Eight Only) **as on 12-11-2025**

Notice is therefore given to the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor & Mortgagor as mentioned in Column No.2, calling upon them to make payment of the aggregate amount as shown in column No.6, against all the respective Borrower/ Co-Borrower within **60 days** of Publication of this notice as the said amount is found payable in relation to the respective loan account as on the date shown in Column No. 6. It is made clear that if the aggregate amount together with future interest and other amounts which may become payable till the date of payment, is not paid, **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** shall be constrained to take appropriate action for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described in Column No.4. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** against the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors of the said financials under the law, you are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained/ prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of the secured asset without prior consent of Secured Creditor.

Date: 17.11.2025, Place: Bangalore Rural **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

32 miners
killed after a bridge collapsed over a flooded cobalt mine in Congo's Lualaba province

GLOBAL WEATHER

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Dubai	44	28	SNY	New York	26	15	SNY
Houston	30	23	TDS	Singapore	32	25	TDS
Istanbul	33	21	SNY	Toronto	23	13	SNY
London	20	13	SNY	Washington	26	14	SNY

SEA TENSIONS

China flies 'bomber patrol' to counter trilateral drills

BEIJING

THE Chinese military for the first time conducted a "bomber formation patrol" with its fighter jets over the disputed South China Sea on Sunday as a 'warning' to the Philippines after its navy conducted joint patrols with the US and Japan.

China, which claims most of the South China Sea, is locked in an intractable maritime dispute with the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Brunei and Taiwan, which have counterclaims over the area that is home to busy regional and international trade routes. The Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) Southern Theatre Command announced that it had conducted a bomber formation patrol amid the Philippines' so-called "joint patrols" with external forces — the first time it has announced such a move, according to the state-run Global Times.

The two-day maritime exercise by the US, Japan and the Philippines ran from Friday to Saturday. In a statement, a spokesperson for the Southern Theatre Command, Senior Colonel Tian Junli, said the Philippines has frequently colluded with external forces to carry out so-called "joint patrols," undermining regional peace and stability.

"We solemnly warn the Philippine side to immediately stop provoking incidents and escalating tensions," he said.

The theatre command forces maintain high alert at all times, resolutely safeguarding national sovereignty, security, and stability in the South China Sea, Tian said. Any attempt to infringe on sovereignty or stir up trouble will not succeed, he added. Military experts say the bomber formation is one of the PLA's diversified strike methods. *PTI*

Netanyahu draws red line on Palestinian statehood

Ahead of a UN vote, Bibi doubles down as West Bank violence mounts

TEL AVIV

ISRAELI Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday vowed to oppose any attempt to establish a Palestinian state, a day before the UN Security Council will vote on a US-drafted resolution on Gaza that leaves the door open to Palestinian independence.

Netanyahu has long ruled out Palestinian independence, asserting that creating a Palestinian state would reward Hamas and eventually lead to an even larger Hamas-run state on Israel's borders. But as the US attempts to push forward with its Gaza ceasefire proposal, he faces heavy international pressure to show flexibility.

The Security Council is expected to vote on a US proposal for a UN mandate for an international stabilisation force in Gaza despite opposition from Russia, China and some Arab countries. The US, under pressure from countries expected to contribute troops to the force, revised the resolution with stronger language about Palestinian self-determination. It now says that President Donald Trump's plan may create a "credible pathway" to Palestinian statehood. A rival Russian proposal uses even stronger language in favor of Palestinian statehood.

Mourners carry the body of the Palestinian Hassan Ahmed Jamil Moussa,19, who, according to health authorities, was killed during an Israeli raid last night, during his funeral in the Askar camp near the West Bank city of Nablus | AP

Netanyahu's hard-line governing partners have urged him to take a tough stand on the calls for Palestinian independence. Speaking to his Cabinet, Netanyahu said Sunday that Israel's opposition to a Palestinian state has "not changed one bit."

He added that he has been staving off any advances toward a Palestinian state for decades, and is not threatened by external or internal pressure. "I do not need affirmations, tweets, or lectures from anyone," he said.

That pressure increased during the war in Gaza. In September, after the UK, Australia and Canada formally recognized a Palestinian state, Netanyahu blasted the countries for proffering a "prize" to Hamas.

Netanyahu on Sunday also noted that Trump's plan calls for Gaza to be demilitarised and Hamas to be disarmed. "Either this will happen the easy way or it will happen the hard way," he said.

He made his first public remarks on rising settler attacks in the occupied West Bank, calling them the work of a small minority. Palestinians and rights groups say the violence is widespread and the government is looking away.

A 19-year-old Palestinian was killed by Israeli fire on Sunday, the seventh such death in two weeks, as violence and settler attacks surge in the West Bank. *AP*

WAR WATCH

ISRAEL-GAZA: DAY 771

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Trump faces headwinds in securing Saudi-Israel deal

WASHINGTON

DONALD Trump has not been subtle about how badly he wants to see Saudi Arabia and Israel normalise relations.

He has talked up his push to extend his first term Abraham Accords "the project that formalised commercial and diplomatic ties between Israel and a trio of Arab nations" as key to his plan for bringing long-term stability to the Middle East as the fragile ceasefire between Israel and Hamas in Gaza continues to hold.

The normalisation push is expected to be high on the agenda when Trump hosts Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman on Tuesday for talks during a pomp-filled White House visit.

"I hope that Saudi Arabia will be going into the Abraham Accords very shortly," Trump told reporters aboard Air Force One on Friday as he made his way to Florida for the weekend.

Yet Trump's optimism that a US-brokered deal could come soon is tempered by more sober internal assessments. Saudi Arabia is unlikely to sign on to the accords anytime soon, but there is cautious optimism that an agreement can be sealed by the end of Trump's second term, according to three administration officials who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal deliberations.

FILE: Donald Trump and Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman greet delegations at Riyadh's Royal Palace | AP

The first Trump administration and its successor, the Biden administration, tried to persuade Saudi Arabia to join the Abraham Accords.

But those hopes were dashed first by opposition from the crown prince's father, King Salman, during Trump's first term and then by Prince Mohammed himself after the Hamas attacks on October 7, 2023, against Israel that sparked the Gaza war. *AP*

ASIA MATTERS

INDONESIA

NICKEL SECTOR RAMPS UP PROCESSING

The ban on nickel ore exports in 2020 has pushed the shift from raw commodity sales to high-value processing, with the government saying refined nickel can earn hundreds of times more than unprocessed ore. Mining firms are now required to build smelters and adopt good mining practice to curb environmental damage and involve local communities. PT Vale is highlighted as a model for sustainable operations, restoring mined land, cutting emissions and integrating reclamation with community programmes to show mining and environmental stewardship can coexist.

MALAYSIA

AGEING SHIFT PROMPTS LONG-TERM PLANNING

Senior citizens will form 14% of the population by 2048, prompting the government to launch the National Ageing Blueprint 2025-2045. The plan targets economic support, health and long-term care while modernising pension services. MyPesara initiatives further promote active ageing and community engagement.

THAILAND

TRADE TALKS WITH U.S. BACK ON TRACK

Trade negotiations between Thailand and the United States are back on schedule after "positive" discussions between their leaders, with Bangkok aiming to conclude the talks within the original timeframe. Commerce Minister Suphajee Suthumpun said agencies are coordinating to accelerate preparations while tightening measures on tax evasion and transshipment to reassure Washington of transparent, standards-based practices. Government is strengthening private sector and diversify export markets to reduce reliance on single trading partner.

Zelenskyy spearheads bid to revive Russia prisoner swaps

KYIV

UKRAINE is working to resume prisoner exchanges with Russia that could bring home 1,200 Ukrainian prisoners, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said Sunday, a day after his national security chief announced progress in negotiations.

"We are ... counting on the resumption of POW exchanges," Zelenskyy wrote on X. "Many meetings, negotiations and calls are currently taking place to ensure this."

Rustem Umerov, Secretary of Ukraine's National Security and Defense Council, said Saturday he held consultations mediated by Turkey and the United Arab Emirates on resuming exchanges. He said the parties agreed to activate prisoner exchange agreements brokered in Istanbul to release 1,200 Ukrainians. Moscow did not immediately comment.

The Istanbul agreements refer to prisoner-exchange protocols established with Turkish mediation in 2022 that set rules for large, coordinated swaps. Since then, Russia and Ukraine have traded thousands of prisoners, though exchanges have been sporadic. Umerov said technical consultations would be held soon to finalize procedural and organizational details, expressing hope that returning Ukrainians could "celebrate the New Year and Christmas holidays at home — at the family table and next to their relatives."

In other developments, energy infrastructure was damaged by Russian drone strikes overnight into Sunday in Ukraine's Odesa region, Ukraine's State Emergency Service said. A solar power plant was among the damaged sites. Ukraine is desperately trying to fend off relentless Russian aerial attacks that have brought rolling blackouts across Ukraine on the brink of winter.

Meanwhile, an agreement to supply Ukraine with US liquefied natural gas (LNG) was signed in Athens Sunday during the official visit of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to Greece. Zelenskyy and Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis attended the signing of the deal between Greece's gas supplier DEPA and Ukraine's Naftogas, as did the United States Ambassador to Greece Kimberly Guilfoyle. Gas will be piped from Alexandroupolis to Odesa, with U.S. LNG deliveries beginning in January, Zelenskyy said. *AP*

Volodymyr Zelenskyy

Finland's prez says no early Ukraine ceasefire

HALVALA: Finland's president Alexander Stubb said a Ukraine ceasefire is unlikely before spring and urged Europe to maintain support despite Kyiv's corruption scandal. He said Europe will need "sisu" — Finnish grit — as Russia escalates hybrid attacks. Acting as a key intermediary between Donald Trump and Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Stubb said Ukraine must tackle graft quickly but also needs stronger Western backing. He warned that Russia aims to undermine Ukraine's sovereignty and urged using frozen Russian assets and greater military pressure to shift Vladimir Putin's strategy.

Kremlin says Kyiv briefed on summit terms

MOSCOW

A top Kremlin aide on Sunday said that the conclusions of the Alaska summit between Russian President Vladimir Putin and his US counterpart Donald Trump were communicated to Kiev, adding that Moscow is maintaining contacts with Washington on the issue.

Kremlin foreign policy aide Yuri Ushakov said Russia is actively maintaining contacts with the US to seek peaceful settlement of the Ukraine crisis on the basis of understandings reached during the Alaska summit between Putin and Trump on August 15, according to state-run news agency TASS.

The two leaders had not reached a deal to end the Russia-Ukraine conflict on August 15. "We are actively discussing a Ukrainian settlement based on the understandings reached in Anchorage. We believe this is a truly good path to achieving a peaceful settlement," Ushakov said while speaking with State TV. "The Anchorage understanding was brought to the notice of the Kiev side. Kiev is aware of that," Ushakov said.

"They do not like it. Many Europeans, but not all of them, do not like Anchorage," Ushakov said. "In other words, Anchorage is not favored by those who do not want peaceful settlement but want to fight to the last Ukrainian," the presidential aide stressed. TASS said Ushakov noted that the US has not officially declared the Anchorage agreements void. *PTI*

EXPRESS READ

Nepal sets March 5 date for parliamentary polls

KATHMANDU: Nepal's Election Commission on Sunday released the schedule for the March 5 parliamentary election. Candidates must file nominations on January 20, with objections accepted on January 21 and withdrawals allowed until January 23. Final candidate lists and election symbols will be issued the same day. Voting will run from 7 am to 5 pm. Of the 275 House seats, 165 are elected directly and 110 by proportional voting.

Judges' exits prompt lawyers court boycott

LAHORE: Lawyers have announced a strike against the 27th Constitutional Amendment, which they say undermines the Supreme Court's authority. President Asif Ali Zardari recently signed the amendment, creating a Chief of Defence Forces post and a constitutional court. Three senior judges have resigned in protest, calling it an assault on the Constitution and judiciary. The Lahore High Court Bar Association praised their "principled stance" and declared a full boycott of court proceedings to oppose amendment.

GRAZING THE WINTER CAPITAL

Hundreds of sheep were herded through central Nuremberg to winter pastures, drawing crowds for the annual spectacle. The flock grazes city meadows in summer, offering eco-friendly lawn care as open spaces shrink | AP

UK home secy says illegal migration dividing Britain

LONDON

ILLEGAL immigration is tearing Britain apart and tougher measures such as an extended waiting period of 20 years for refugees to acquire permanent residency are required to unite the country, UK Home Secretary Shabana Mahmood said on Sunday.

During a round of media interviews ahead of a planned statement in the House of Commons on Monday, the South Asian heritage Cabinet minister described the issues as a "moral mission" for her to fix the country's broken asylum system.

It confirmed earlier reports of the UK Home Office's plans to model the latest immigration crackdowns on a tough system followed by Denmark.

"I can see and I know my colleagues can that illegal migration is tearing our country apart. It's our job as a Labour government to unite our country and if we don't sort this out, I think our country becomes much more divided," Mahmood told *The Sunday Times*. Asked by *Sky News* if her crackdowns seemed racist, she said: "I reject that entirely. I'm the child of immigrants who came here legally. This is a moral mission for me." *PTI*

Iran foreign min says enrichment halted after strikes, signals openness to dialogue

TEHRAN

IRAN's foreign minister said Sunday that Tehran is no longer enriching uranium at any site in the country, trying to signal to the West that it remains open to potential negotiations over its atomic programme.

Answering a question from an *Associated Press* journalist visiting Iran, Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi offered the most direct response yet from the Iranian government regarding its nuclear program following Israel and the United States' bombing of its enrichment sites in June during a 12-day war. "There is no undeclared nuclear enrichment in Iran. All of our facilities are under the safeguards and monitoring" of the International Atomic Energy Agency, Araghchi said. "There is no enrichment right now because our facilities, our enrichment facilities, have been attacked."

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi

Asked what it would take for Iran to continue negotiations with the US and others, Araghchi said Iran's message on its nuclear program remains "clear."

"Iran's right for enrichment, for peaceful use of nuclear technology, including enrichment, is undeniable," the foreign minister continued. "We have this right, and we continue to exercise that, and we hope that the international community, including the United States, recognize our rights and understand that this is an inalienable right of Iran. And we would never give up our rights." *AP*

CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY

Bangladesh tightens security ahead of Sheikh Hasina verdict

DHAKA

SECURITY is beefed up across Bangladesh with police in the national capital ordered to shoot violent protesters ahead of a special tribunal's verdict against deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina over alleged crimes against humanity even as prosecution on Sunday reiterated the death penalty for her.

On Monday, Bangladesh's International Crimes Tribunal (ICT-BD) is set to deliver the verdict against 78-year-old Hasina after her trial in absentia. "We have sought the highest possible sentence for Hasina. Additionally, we requested for seizure of the convicts' property to be distributed among families of the martyrs and the injured victims (of last year's violent street protest)," ICT-BD prosecutor Gazi MH Tamim told reporters.

The ICT-BD law would debar Hasina from challenging the verdict in the apex Appellate Division of the Supreme Court unless she surrendered or was arrested in subsequent 30 days after its delivery, Tamim said. Border Guard Bangladesh forces are now deployed in four districts, including Dhaka, after fires and crude bomb blasts tied to the upcoming verdict. *PTI*

14% Rise in India's coal import to 22.05 million tonne (MT) in September, driven by increased demand of the dry fuel ahead of the festive season

Decoding different mutual fund categories

Sebi has classified funds to ensure investors understand where their money is being invested and risks involved

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

START a systematic investment plan (SIP) in mutual funds — this is a popular refrain among investment advisors. They may suggest different categories of funds to build your mutual fund portfolio, and many of the names — flexi-cap, multi-cap, value fund, growth fund — might sound Greek to you.

Here's a simple guide to decode some of those terms so that the next time a financial advisor throws such jargon at you, you don't feel clueless. (This explanation covers only equity fund categories.)

Large-cap funds: These funds, as per Sebi's definition, must invest at least 80% of their portfolio in large-cap stocks — the stocks of the top 100 companies by market capitalisation.

These are usually shares of companies with a market cap of up to ₹1 lakh crore. Large-cap stocks should ideally form the core of your portfolio because their returns tend to be more consistent, and they are considered safer bets.

Flexi-cap funds: As the name suggests, these funds invest across different market caps. They are not bound by strict allocation rules, giving investors exposure to quality large-, mid-, and small-cap companies. However, they must invest at least 65% of their portfolio in equities or equity-related instruments.

Multi-cap funds: These are similar to flexi-cap funds in that they can invest across market caps, but they come with stricter allocation requirements. Multi-cap funds must invest at least 25% each in large-, mid-, and small-cap stocks. Overall, they must allocate a minimum of 75% of their portfolio to equities.

Beyond m-cap-based classifications

Beyond market-cap-based classifications, there are funds that follow specific investment styles. Value funds follow a value-investing strategy — identifying stocks that are 'cheaply' valued, such as those trading at less than 20 times forward earnings

Mid- & small-cap funds: These funds must invest at least 65% of their portfolio in mid-cap or small-cap stocks. Mid-caps are companies ranked 101–250 by market capitalisation, while those ranked beyond 250 are categorised as small caps. Because these companies are smaller, their share prices are more susceptible to sharp movements.

They are more volatile and riskier but also have the potential to deliver very high returns.

Beyond market-cap-based classifications, there are also funds that follow specific investment styles. Value funds follow a value-investing strategy — identifying stocks that are 'cheaply' valued, such as those trading at less than 20 times forward earnings.

Growth funds, on the other hand, invest in companies with high future growth potential, which typically command premium valuations — for example, a new-age tech company trading at 50 or even 100 times earnings.

You may also come across contra funds, which take contrarian bets by investing in sectors that are currently out of favour. Sectoral or thematic funds invest at least 80% of their portfolio in a specific sector (such as banking or infrastructure) or a particular theme.

These are Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi)-specified classifications to ensure that investors clearly understand where their money is being invested and the kinds of risks involved.

IN CONVERSATION

PRIYAVRATA MAFATLAL
Vice chairman, Arvind Mafatlal Group & MD, Mafatlal Industries

'Instead of competing with MSMEs, we chose to partner with them'

ONCE a dominant household name in the country's textile landscape, Mafatlal Industries went through one of the harshest business cycles — from the Datta Samant-led mill strike and post-liberalisation shocks to being declared a 'sick company' under the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR). Few expected a revival. Yet today, the 120-year-old legacy business is growing at 30–50% annually. In an interaction with **Dipak Mondal**, **Priyavrata Mafatlal**, vice chairman, Arvind Mafatlal Group & managing director, Mafatlal Industries, recounts the company's fall, its deep introspection phase, the COVID-era rethink, and the mindset shift that rebuilt the organisation. **Excerpts**:

Mafatlal was a household name in the 80s–90s. Over time it seemed to fade away. What happened during those 10–15 years, and how did the revival begin?

You're right — the 80s and 90s were when Mafatlal became a household name. But multiple factors affected us. The 1982 Datta Samant strike shut down 62–63 textile mills in Mumbai almost overnight. That was a massive setback. Then came liberalisation era of the 90s, when imports opened up and new players arrived. We were playing catch-up.

Around 1999–2000, it filed for BIFR and was declared "sick". For eight to nine years, we were in survival mode. Everything was about settling dues, working with creditors, and coming out of BIFR. Eventually we sold land parcels, cleared dues, and emerged — one of the few textile companies to ever come out of BIFR.

From 2011, we began rebuilding. We invested whatever we saved into better machines and began a slow, deliberate process of rediscovering our strengths. By 2016–17 we were still lost. Then we exited denim. It was a 20-year business for us, but Bangladesh and import–export cycles made it unviable. Around this time, the board asked me to take over as MD. Within a year, COVID hit — and surprisingly, that became a turning point. COVID gave us the time to pause and reflect after 100+ years. We questioned every product, every process, every person. That's how we rebuilt faster and became more agile.

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Tell us about the key decisions and changes made post-COVID that accelerated the turnaround.

A vivid moment for me was December 16, 2018. I had just returned from the US. My father told me: The board wanted me to take over as CEO. They wanted a fresh lens. I had no baggage, so I asked questions about everything. This forced the team to articulate their decisions and rethink their assumptions.

When COVID arrived a year later, the team was already conditioned to ask: "Why can this work?" Instead of "Why not?" That mindset shift changed everything. We quickly moved to relevance-based thinking — even making PPE suits at one point, not to create a PPE business but because it mattered then.

Your team mentioned the 'asset-light' model. What exactly does that mean for Mafatlal?

When we came out of BIFR, we had multiple businesses — textiles, denim, trading. Over time they merged into Mafatlal Industries Limited. About 10–13 years ago, MSMEs in the textile sector grew significantly due to strong government support. Earlier, organised mills dismissed the unorganised sector. But today many MSMEs match mill-level quality. Instead of fighting them, we chose to partner with them. We moved from product-centric to customer-centric thinking. We embraced an FMCG-like mindset: consistent quality, consistent pricing, anywhere in India.

Our strengths are branding, distribution, and execution. Manufacturing remains strategic, not expansive.

How has brand perception changed? For a decade or more, Mafatlal wasn't very visible.

For many years, even the trade confused us with Arvind Mills of the Lalbhai Group. We kept clarifying. Over time, the textile ecosystem recognised that Mafatlal is strong and independent.

MONEY-WISE

REASONS FOR LOSING MONEY IN EQUITIES

FINANCIAL ADVICE

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WHY should you invest in equities? Simply to create enough wealth and be financially free. Once you learn to invest in equities, the road to being financially free becomes easier. However, it is not easy to invest in equities – especially, creating a portfolio of equity shares. It is easier to invest in equity mutual funds. Learning equity investment is not easy but at least let us check whether we are avoiding the mistakes.

A dozen reasons why people lose money in equities:

- **Emotional decision making:** Investors often panic-sell during market downturns out of fear, locking in losses, or buy into hype during bullish periods, leading to overpaying for assets that later correct.
- **Lack of patience:** Expecting quick returns or reacting impatiently to temporary underperformance causes premature exits from solid investments, missing out on long-term compounding and recovery.
- **Chasing trends or hot tips:** Following popular sectors, top-performing funds based on past results or unverified recommendations from social media, friends, or influencers often results in buying at peaks and suffering from reversals.
- **Excessive portfolio churning:** Frequent buying and selling driven by impatience or attempts to time the market racks up transaction costs and increases chance of poor decisions, with studies showing active traders underperform by up to 6.5% annually.
- **Attempting to pick individual stocks without expertise:** Relying on guesses, media hype, or overconfidence in beating the market through stock-picking leads to under diversified portfolios where individual holdings can underperform broadly.
- **Overconfidence and market timing attempts:** Believing one can predict short-term movements or undervalued opportunities often results in mistimed trades, with historical data showing most day traders quit within years due to losses.
- **Holding losers and selling winners prematurely:** Behavioral biases cause investors to cling to declining stocks in hopes of recovery while quickly cashing out gains, exacerbating losses and missing further upside.
- **Lack of disciplined financial plan:** Investing without clear goals, time horizons, or strategies leads to random decisions or forced sales during downturns to meet cash needs, eroding capital.
- **Gambler's mentality and risky behaviours:** Treating equities like a lottery by chasing high-risk "lottery-type" stocks or overtrading for excitement correlates with higher losses, especially among certain demographics like young, urban investors.
- **Neglecting diversification and rebalancing:** Failing to spread risk across assets or periodically adjust portfolios after market shifts increases exposure to volatility and delays recovery from losses.
- **Not knowing difference between trading and investing.** How a person builds his portfolio is very different from how a trader earns his living. Not taking away anything from Investing, trading is a very different ball game. Trading is a different skill set than Investing.

MONEY MATTERS

WHAT TO MAKE OF BUFFETT'S 'THANK YOU' LETTER

FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE

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IT is usually a February phenomenon. Warren Buffett writes the letter to shareholders in the last week of February each year. This year, he chose a 'Thanksgiving' letter and announced that he would not be writing the usual 'letter to shareholders' going forward. However, he will continue to send a 'thanksgiving' message.

Over the years, Buffett has produced arguments that are lessons in investing. It is clear from his letters that he does not think much about gold as an investment. He believes in getting rich 'slow 'and refused to participate in the dotcom boom of the 2000s. Till the middle of the 2010s, he did not own a single technology share. Last quarter, Berkshire Hathaway, the firm he had managed for decades, invested in Alphabet, the parent company of Google. It is only the second technology company after Apple that the firm has invested in over the past decades. When everyone was petrified about buying equities, Buffett and Berkshire made the most of those stock market panics to build a fortune. He participated in the bailout of central US banks along with the US government during the 2008 global financial crisis. When share prices are at a record high, Berkshire Hathaway is sitting on a cash pile of nearly $400 billion, just under 10% of India's GDP. This column can safely make a prediction. Many pundits are anticipating a significant decline in US shares as the frenzy over artificial intelligence companies subsides. Yet again, Berkshire Hathaway will make use of the opportunity.

Just as with many of the letters Buffett wrote to shareholders, the one he released last week has something for you, too. No matter where you are in your financial journey, Warren Buffett's investment literature is essential. It is not in the books about him or in what others think of him. It is primarily in these direct messages that he carefully crafted each year. This letter, too, is no exception.

Your luck plays a key role in your financial future, he argues. For example, he thinks he was blessed to be born in a wonderful family in the United States. Buffett strongly believes that Berkshire Hathaway's success was possible only in the United States. While it may not be possible for you to scale those absolute values, you may want to ride on the start you're given. The onus is on you to make the most of it.

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

The art of patience is a key. Everyone wants to get rich quickly, but very few want to get rich slowly. There is a significant philosophy riding in that sentence. There are no free lunches. You must remain patient and ride through market cycles to make a fortune. For example, many of you tend to stop even systematic investment plans that invest in large-cap companies during a financial downturn. You must trust the best companies in the Nifty 50 to come out of the crisis better than you and me. That is simply because they are better equipped to do so. No rocket science here. Just common sense.

The other important thing he highlights is learning from mistakes. You cannot beat yourself down constantly for making a few investment mistakes. These could be buying or selling for sentimental reasons, or going with the flow. You have to learn from such mistakes and use a measured approach towards investing in the future.

Buffett has pledged to support good causes with his fortune. He insists that you should eventually use your food fortune for the good of society. There are very few in the world who talk about the goodness of capitalism. For him, it will always be a force of good.

'GST rate cut boosted Oct vehicle loans'

SANAL SUDEVAN @ Chennai

CHOOLAMANDALAM Investment and Finance Company president and CFO Arul Selvan said that the NBFC's advances in two-wheelers and passenger cars segments went up in October after the GST rationalisation in September.

Without revealing exact numbers, Selvan said, "We have seen an uptick in vehicle loans after GST cuts for October. The larger impact of GST cuts on rise in vehicle loans will be known when Q3 results are out. The benefits of GST cuts on advances will be seen in the sale of two-wheeler, passenger cars or consumer durable products. It will not happen where people are investing in assets which are for productive purpose." The recent reports said the major automobile companies saw a rise in sale of passenger cars and two-wheelers due to GST rationalisation ahead of festive season.

The NBFC saw a 20% rise in net profit from ₹963 crore in Q2 FY25 to ₹1,155 crore in Q2FY6. The CFO attributes the growth in profit to the rise in mortgage businesses such as loan against property (LAP), housing loans and secured business & personal loan (SBPL) and advances to MSMEs during the quarter.

The housing loans grew to ₹20,405 crore in Q2FY26 against ₹15,892 crore in Q2FY25. LAP grew from ₹34,824 crore to ₹46,302 crore in Q2FY25 and SBPL advances grew to ₹7,544 crore in Q2 FY25. Loans to MSMEs rose to ₹2,932 crore in Q2. Assets under management (AUM) stood at ₹1,99,159 crore. He said the company is not selling its products on fintech platforms and has developed its own application. Selvan said the app is being used only in limited circle and it is available to known customers. Net performing asset (NPA) is at 3.07% in Q2FY26 as against 2.48%.

Selvan said, "NPA will come down in Q3 and Q4 as this is festival season and the scope for borrowers to earn increases as compared to Q2 because of monsoon season, and the vehicle operators don't find enough employment opportunities during this time. So, NPA will come down in the next quarters."

Selvan said the AUM and profitability will grow at 20% to 22% for FY26. With the Chennai-based NBFC employing over 60,000 people across the country, the CFO said they will continue to recruit people for its sales and collection teams.

Impact of GST cuts on car loans will be known in Q3

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Delhi airport traffic in Apr-Oct falls 3.5% due to upgrade, airspace closure

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

GMR Airports Limited reported a 3.5% year-on-year decline in passenger traffic at its flagship Indira Gandhi International Airport (DEL) for the first seven months of the current fiscal due to year runway upgrade and airspace closure, according to a mandatory filing with the stock exchanges.

The data shows that from April to October 2025, Delhi Airport handled 43.18 million passengers, down from 44.77 million in the same period last year. The weakness was primarily in the domestic sector, which saw a 4.7% contraction, while international traffic remained nearly flat with a minor 0.3% decline. Overall, the company's passenger traffic during the April-October 2025 period grew at 0.3% to 68 million. GMR Airports cited runway upgrade and airspace closure as the two major factors for the drop in passenger traffic in Delhi Airport. According to the company, a significant upgrade project on Runway 10/28, a critical piece of infrastructure, led to reduced operational capacity during the period.

The traffic trajectory is expected to further strengthen & transcend going ahead due to greater airport efficiency resulting from enhanced & optimized runway operations

GMR Airports

Changed airspace conditions amid a series of geopolitical events also caused temporary disruptions to flight operations. However, the monthly data for October 2025 reveals a turnaround. With the enhanced runway reopening on September 16 and the upgraded Terminal 2 becoming operational on October 26, passenger traffic surged. October passenger numbers jumped 11.7% compared to September, with domestic traffic leading the charge at a 12.6% month-on-month increase.

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The Borrower attention is invited to provisions of section 13(8) of the said ACT, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower, Loan No & Possession Taken Date	Demand Notice Date	Notce Amount	Description of the Property
MR. NAGARAJAPPA MS. MUNILAKSHMI K B G KRISHNAIAH (GUARANTOR) Loan A/c No. 412000004973 Symbolic Possession Date on 14/11/2025	12/09/2025	Rs. 3484383.00	SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.35 & 36, BBMP Khata No.1075/144/142/85/1/35, 36, formed out of Converted Sy.No. 85/1, duly converted from Agriculture to non-Agricultural Residential purpose vide Official Memorandum No.B.Dis./ALN/SR(N) 44/1995-96, Dated 20.01.1996, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, situated at Mallathahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Limits Ward No.129, Measuring East to West: 40-0 Feet and North to South: 65-0 feet, totally 2600 Square feet and bounded on: East by: Site No.26 and 25, West by: Remaining portion of the property in Sy. No. 85/1, North by: 40 feet Road, South by: Site No.34.SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY 307 Square feet of Undivided Share, rights, title and interest in the land in Schedule 'A' Property, which nis the corresponding undivided share in respect of the schedule 'C' Unit. SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY : Flat No.202, presently comes under jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike Ward No.129, having BBMP New Municipal & Flat No.1075/3/144/142/85/1/35, 36, F-202\, measuring 1110 Square feet super built up area and situated in First Floor and containing 3 Bed Rooms, House consisting of a Hall, Kitchen toilet, Living, Balcony, Sanitary, Electrical Wiring and other facilities, vitrified tiles flooring, together with 1 Covered Car Parking slot in basement, including proportionate undivided share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase contained in the Multi Storied building known as "EXCELLENCE BLOSSOM".

Place: Bangalore
Date: 17.11.2025

Sd/- Authorized Officer
LIC Housing Finance Limited

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: CEE/BGKT/Tr(OP)Z/SEE(O)/AEE-8/25-26/13155-63 Date: 15.11.2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(THROUGH KARNATAKA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PORTAL MODE ONLY)

KPTCL invites tender on electronic mode for the following works. Including supply of matching materials, erection, civil works, testing and commissioning.

1) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/CEE/TRNS/BGKT/110KV/STN-12/25-26/110KV Mantur Addnlbrkrs **Tender No:** KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT2973 for Providing 2 no's of 11KV PCVCB at **110/11KV MUSS Mantur** in Operation Division KPTCL Chikkodi in Belagavi District on **Partial Turnkey basis. Reserved For: Others**

2) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/CEE/TRNS/BGKT/110KV/STN-13/25-26/110KV Aigali Addnlbrkrs **Tender No:** KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT2974 for Providing 01 no. of 11KV PCVCB at **110/11KV MUSS Aigali** in Operation Division Chikkodi in Belagavi District on **Partial Turnkey basis. Reserved For: Others**

3) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/CEE/TRNS/BGKT/110KV/STN-14/25-26/110KV Balligeri Addnlbrkrs **Tender No:** KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT2972 for Providing 02 no's of 11KV PCVCB at **110/33/11KV MUSS Balligeri** in Operation Division Chikkodi in Belagavi District on **Partial Turnkey basis. Reserved For: SC**

4) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/CEE/TRNS/BGKT/110KV/STN-15/25-26/110KV/Itnal Addnlbrkrs **Tender No:** KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT2975 for Providing additional 2 no's of 11KV PCVCB switchgears at **110/11KV MUSS ITNAL** in Operation Division Chikkodi in Belagavi District on **Partial Turnkey basis. Reserved For: Others**

5) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/CEE/TRNS/BGKT/110KV/STN-20/25-26/Nippani **Tender No:** KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT2900 for Replacing BHEL make MCVCB switchgear (2IC+10F+1BC+1AP) with MCVCB switchgear (2IC+10F+1BC+1AP) at existing **110/33/11KV S/S Nippani** in Belagavi District on **Partial Turnkey basis. Reserved For: Others**

6) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/CEE/TRNS/BGKT/110KV/STN-21/25-26/Sankeshwar **Tender No:** KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT2901 for Replacing AREVA make MCVCB switchgear (1IC+5F+1AP) With MEI make MCVCB switchgear (1IC+5F+1CB+1AP) at existing **110/33/11KV S/S Sankeshwar** in Hukkeri Taluk in Belagavi District on **Partial Turnkey basis. Reserved For: Others**

7) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/CEE/TRNS/BGKT/110KV/STN-22/25-26/Hidkal Dam **Tender No:** KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT2902 for Replacing BHEL make MCVCB switchgear (1IC+5F+1BC+1AP) With MEI make MCVCB switchgear (1IC+6F+1CB+1AP) at existing **110/33/11KV S/S Hidkal Dam** in Hukkeri Taluk in Belagavi District on **Partial Turnkey basis. Reserved For: Others**

8) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/CEE/TRNS/BGKT/110KV/EL1/25-26/110KV Bagalkote SC line **Tender No:** KPTCL/2025-26/TL/WORK_INDENT2933 for Heightening of tower in existing 110KV Bagalkote to Kaladagi S/C line between Loc No:57-58 to maintain ground clearance for public safety b/w **Kaladagi to Kainakatti** Road in TLM Section KPTCL Bagalkote in Bagalkote District on **Total Turnkey basis. Reserved For: CAT-II(A)**

9) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/CEE/TRNS/BGKT/220KV/EL/25-26/220KV ADPH-Bagalkote DC LINE **Tender No:** KPTCL/2025-26/TL/WORK_INDENT2934 for Strengthening of existing line by replacing the Strings of Single Tension/Suspension porcelain insulators by Double Tension/ Suspension polymer insulators Strings in Multi circuit tower of **220kV ADPH- Bagalkote D/C** line and **220kV ADPH- B. Bagewadi D/C** line at Loc No: MC-2 & MC-3 for public safety b/w **Rampur - Gulabal** Road in TLM Section KPTCL Bagalkote in Bagalkote District on **Total Turnkey basis. Reserved For: Others**

10) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/CEE/TRNS/BGKT/400KV/EL/25-26/400KV Kaiga-Guttur 1 and 2 lines **Tender No:** KPTCL/2025-26/TL/WORK_INDENT2935 for Replacement of existing weakened Porcelain Insulator strings by New Silicon Rubber Composite insulator for suspension strings and Replacement of existing single suspension insulators string by Double string arrangement for various road crossings of **400KV Kaiga - Guttur Line I & II** in TLM section Sirsi of Operation Division Sirsi in Uttara Kannada District on **Total Turnkey basis. Reserved For: SC**

11) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/CEE/TRNS/BGKT/220KV/EL/25-26/220KV Ambewadi-Narendra 1 and 2 lines **Tender No:** KPTCL/2025-26/TL/WORK_INDENT2936 for Replacement of 18 damaged/bent Cross arms of **220kV Ambewadi-Narendra 1 & 2 line** of TLM Section, KPTCL, Dandeli in Uttara Kannada District on **Total Turnkey basis. Reserved For: Others**

The tenders will be received through e-procurement portal only. The details regarding participation in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink 'E Procurement KPTCL' or to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in or after 16:30 Hrs IST of 18.11.2025.** Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Ele)., Transmission (Operations) Zone,
KPTCL, 110 Sub-Station Premises, Navanagar, Bagalkote - 587103.

BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II AT BANGALORE

BSNL Building, 4th Floor,
Telephone House ,Rajbhavan Road,
Bangalore -560 001

O.A. No.580/2021

BETWEEN : BANK OF INDIA, Kothanur Branch, No. 1 & 2, Indradhanush Layout, Gubbi Cross, Hennur Bagalur Road, Kothanur, Bangalore - 560 077. **...Applicant**

And

Sri Abdulla M.H. and Others ...Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To, Defendants:

1. Sri Abdulla M. H., Aged about 57 years, S/o. Sri Hassainar M. A.

2. Sri Ashik M. A., Aged about 57 years, S/o. Abdulla M. H.

Both are R/at: No. 8, Ground Floor, Old Binmangala, Indiranagar 1st Stage, Bangalore - 560 038.

3. M/s. Samrudhi Reality Ltd., [A company incorporated under the Provisions Act, 1956], having its Regd., Office at : No. 1, 2nd Floor, Tate Lane Richmond Road Cross, Bangalore - 560 025. Rep by its Authorised Signatory Mr. Yashodara.

Under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against the defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.72,36,145.00 ps** (Rupees Seventy Two Lakhs Thirty Six Thousand One Hundred Forty Five Only) together with current and future interest and other reliefs.

The above mentioned defendants are required to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate in support of their defense to show cause within 30 days or on **19.12.2025 at 10.30 a.m.** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal, on this the **27.10.2025**

By Order of the Tribunal
Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -II.

BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II AT BANGALORE

BSNL Building, 4th Floor,
Telephone House ,Rajbhavan Road,
Bangalore -560 001

O.A. No.874/2021

BETWEEN : BANK OF INDIA, Kothanur Branch, No. 1 & 2, Indradhanush Layout, Gubbi Cross, Hennur Bagalur Road, Kothanur, Bangalore - 560 077. **...Applicant**

And

Sri Satish R. and Others ...Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To, Defendants:

1. Sri Satish R, Aged about 41 years, S/o. Sri Rajendra Babu

2. Smt. Krupa H. K. Aged about 40 years, W/o. Sri satish R.,

Both are R/at: No. 25/26, S. L. V. Shreshta Residency, Krishnappa North Villa, Ramachandrapura, Jalahalli, Bangalore - 560 013.

3. M/s. Samrudhi Reality Ltd., [A company incorporated under the Provisions Act, 1956], having its Regd., Office at : No. 1, 2nd Floor, Tate Lane Richmond Road Cross, Bangalore - 560 025. Rep by its Authorised Signatory Mr. Yashodara.

Under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against the defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.61,27,117.69 ps** (Rupees Sixty One Lakhs Twenty Seven Thousand One Hundred Seventeen and Paise Sixty Nine Only) together with current and future interest and other reliefs.

The above mentioned defendants are required to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate in support of their defense to show cause within 30 days or on **19.12.2025 at 10.30 a.m.** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal, on this the **27.10.2025**

By Order of the Tribunal
Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -II.

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1 AT BANGALORE

B.S.N.L. Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001

O. A. No. 957/2021
A/c No. PHR022701543736

BETWEEN :

AXIS BANK LTD., ...Applicant

AND

S Raghavendra And Others ...Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (viii) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 TO THE DEFENDANTS

To,

Defendant No.1:

Sri. S. Raghavendra S/o Sri. Sathya Narayana Shetty Residing at Kruthika No 754, E Block, 2nd Main Rajajinagar 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560010

Defendant No.2:

Smt. Suchitra Raghavendra, W/o Sri. S. Raghavendra, Residing at Kruthika No 754, E Block, 2nd Main Rajajinagar 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560010

Defendant No.3:

M/s. MEGASTRUCTURES, Represented by its Partner, Mr. A. Raghu Shankar At # 590, 1 Main, 1 Cross, III Block, RMV II Stage, Bangalore-560094

WHEREAS the Applicant has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 against you for recovery of a sum of **Rs. 1,78,09,070/- (Rupees One Crore Seventy Eight Lakhs Nine Thousand and Seventy Only)** together with current and future interest and for other relief.

The above-mentioned defendants are required to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an advocate in support of their defence to show-cause within 30 days from the date of publication on or **08.12.2025 at 10.30 am (forenoon)** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the Application will be heard and determined in your absence. Take notice of interim relief sought.

Given under my hand and the seal of this tribunal on this the **06th day of November, 2025.**

REGISTRAR
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1
BANGALORE.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Rahamathulla Khan,** S/o. Amanulla Khan aged about 59 years, residing at #2, JJ Embassy Apartment, J J Layout, R B I Extension, Jayanagar, Bengaluru 560041, is absolute owner and possession of property bearing Site No.41 in Sy.No.280, situated at Hulimangala Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District, he purchased the property vide Full Settlement Sale Agreement Dated: 24/09/2005 from Mr. Munavar alias Munavar Pasha. The said original document is lost in shifting the house in respect of that he has lodged a complaint before the jurisdictional police station intimating the loss of the said original full settlement agreement on 27/01/2025. Any person or persons finding the original document may pleased handover the same either to the undersigned or to the Owner, if any person claiming any rights, title or interest based on the sale agreement should write the undersigned **within 15 days** of this public notice.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.41 in Sy.No.280, situated at Hulimangala Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District, measuring East to West: 30 Feet, North to South: 20 Feet, bounded on East by: Site No.38, West by: Road, North by: Sy No.40, South by Sy No.41.

Sri. DILDAR SHIRALLI, Advocate
#1607, East End Main Road, Near Pump House
Bus Stop 9th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru
560041. Mob: 9901959661
Dated: 14/11/2025

IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT AT BENGALURU.

M.C. No. 417/2025

BETWEEN : Sri. Vinay. B. **...Petitioner.**
AND : Smt. Hemalatha. R. **...Respondent.**

NOTICE TO THE PETITIONER UNDER ORDER V RULE XX (i-a) OF THE CPC 1908.

Smt. Hemalatha. R. W/o Vinay. B. Aged about 32 years, Residing at, No. 34/1, Varanasi @ Jinkethimmanahalli, K.R.Puram Post, Bengaluru -560036.

WHEREAS the petitioner has initiated the above petition against you for the relief of restitution of conjugal rights, the above case is posted on you are hereby summoned to appear in this court in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the petition on day **15/12/25 at 11.AM** to answer the same, failing which the petition will be disposed off placed ex-parte in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court on this the 10th day of November 2025.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Senior Civil Judge Court
Bengaluru Rural District, Bengaluru

Advocate for Petitioner.
Ramakrishna. S.G. Advocate.
No.16, 2nd Floor, 15th Cross,
Cubbonpet, Bengaluru -560002.

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II

BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House
Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore -560 001

O.A. No.1955/2023

Between: Canara Bank, Retail Assets Hub Branch, No. 18, Ramanashree Arcade, M. G Road, Bengaluru - 560 001. **...Applicant**

And

Mrs. Annu Kumari & Others **...Defendants**

SUMMONS / NOTICE ISSUED TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 against the Defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.67,81,118.74** (Rupees Sixty-seven Lakhs Eighty One Thousand One Hundred Eighteen and Paisa Seven Four only) together with current and future interest and other relief/s.

Take notice that you are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of this Summons or on **26/12/2025** at 10:30 AM in person or by a Pleader/ Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice of interim relief sought.

Take notice that in case of default, the application/ interlocutory application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal, on this the **11th day of September 2025.**

Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-2, Bengaluru

To 1. Sri Jayaramahmaiah (Defendnt No.08 Deceased)
2.Smt. Sujatha (Defendant No. 09)
3. Smt. Jayamma (Defendant No. 11)
4. Smt. Rathnamma (Defendant No. 12)
5. Smt, Sunitha (Defendant No. 13)
All are residing at Property No. 294/ 292/291/290, Jakkur Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru - 560 064.

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -2 KARNATAKA

4th Floor, BSNL Building
Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru -560 001

O.A. No. 2558/2024

Between:

State Bank of India. ..Applicant

And

M/s. Planet Agencies Pvt Ltd., & Others ....Defendants

SUMMONS UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993, TO DEFENDANTS THROUGH PAPER PUBLICATION

To: 1. Sri Raajakumar Raavi S/o. Koteswara Rao Ravi, Aged 51 years, No. 2878/28, 14th Main E Block, 2nd Stage, Rajajinagar, Bangalore - 560 010.

2. Ms. Nimisha Raavi D/o Raavi Raajakumar, Aged 24 years, No. 2878/28, 14th Main E Block, 2nd Stage, Rajajinagar, Bangalore - 560 010.

WHEREAS, the Applicant Bank has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Bank and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 against you for the sum of recovery of **Rs.4,84,71,966/-** (Rupees Four Crore Eighty Four Lakhs Seventy One Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Six) with current and future interest, cost and other relief's. You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of the summons on or before **19.12.2025** at **10.30 a. m.** in the fore noon in person or by a Pleader/ Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default of appearance, on the day mentioned hereinabove, proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 14.11.2025

Sd/- Signature of the officer
(Authorised to issue Summons)
Debts Recovery Tribunal -II, Bangalore

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, SUNABEDA,

e-mail- serwsbd2003@yahoo.com

Letter No: 5851 / **1st Corrigendum** Date: 14.11.2025 /

O-1485: In continuation to this office Bid Identification No. CCERWCSBD-Online-21/2025-26 invited vide this office Notice NO.3549 Dtd.23.09.2025, partial modification of NCB has been made as follows:-

Sl No	Item	Time Schedule as per original NCB	Time Schedule as per 1st Corrigendum notice
1	Availability of Tender online for bidding	16.10.2025 at 11.00 AM to 14.11.2025 up to 5.00 PM	Extended up to 05.12.2025 5.00 PM
2	Date and Time of seeking tender clarification if any	13.11.2025 up to 2.00 PM	04.12.2025 up to 2.00 PM
3	Date & Time of opening of tender (Technical Bid)	15.11.2025 at 11.00 AM	06.12.2025 at 11.00 AM
4	Date & Time of opening of tender (Price Bid)	Will be intimated later on to the successful bidders	Will be intimated later on to the successful bidders

All other terms and conditions will remain unaltered.

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer, RW Circle, Sunabeda.

J.C. FLOWERS ASSET RECONSTRUCTION PRIVATE LIMITED

Registered Office: 203-206, 2nd Floor, Wing A, Inspire BKC, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai 400 051, India
CIN: U74999MH2015PTC264081 | Ph. No.+91 22 6978 4100 | Email: teamjcfarc@jcfarc.com | website: www.jcfarc.com

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
APPENDIX IV-A
[See proviso to Rule 8(6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Secured Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as "SARFAESI Act") read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) and 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ("Rules").

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower, Co-borrower (s) and Mortgagor (s) as mentioned in column (i) in the below table, that the below described immovable properties as mentioned in column (ii) below, mortgaged / charged in favor of the J.C. Flowers Asset Reconstruction Private Limited acting in its capacity as Trustee of JCF ARC Trust 2024-25/31 ("Secured Creditor'), the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer (AO) of Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", "Whatever there is" and "No recourse" basis, on December 19, 2025 between 11.00 AM to 02.00 PM** for recovery of the amounts mentioned in column (iii) herein below due to Secured Creditor together with further interest, costs and other expenses thereon. The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are mentioned below for theproperty.

Sl. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower /Guarantor	Description of Property	Total Outstanding Dues as on on July 28, 2021*	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)
1	1. M. A. Prabhakar (Decreased) ("Borrower") 2. Mrs. M P Nirmala ("Co-Borrower") 3. Mr. Sai Brijesh ("Legal Heir of Decreased Borrower")	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.74/1, (old No. 74/198/4), Situated at 1stMain Road, Kempegowda Nagar, Chamrajpet, Bangalore 560019. Measuring East to West 28.6 feet and North to South 30 feet, with a Common passage measuring 45X6.6 feet and **bounded by:** East by: Shop bearing No.69, 70 & 71, West by: Property No.74, North by: Common Passage, South by: Private property Together with building constructed thereon	Rs. 54,45,520.78 (Rupees Fifty-Four Lakh Forty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Twenty and Paise Seventy-Eight Only	Rs. 73,00,000 (Rupees Seventy-Three Lakh Only)	Rs. 7,30,000 (Rupees Seven Lakh Thirty Thousand Only)

*Dues outstanding as per the Demand notice under SARFAESI Act, 2002 dated July 28, 2021, together with further interest, costs and expenses thereon from July 29, 2021.

To the best of the knowledge of the Secured Creditor there are no known encumbrances on the above secured assets other than those of the Secured Creditor. Interested bidders are hereby advised to do their own due diligence related to the Secured Asset before submission of bid. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale and the bid documents, please refer to the website: **https://www.jcfarc.comand/** or **https://www.bankeauctions.com**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale and the bid document, please refer to the website:

Date: November 17, 2025
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
For J. C. Flowers Asset Reconstruction Company Pvt. Ltd.
Acting in its capacity as Trustee of JCF ARC Trust 2024-25/31

The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,

.O, No.2, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru-560018.
Phone 26677552, 26679041

THE GRAIN MERCHANTS CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD. Estd:1927

POSSESSION NOTICE FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

[APPENDIX IV (RULE 8(1)]

Where as the undersigned being the authorised officer of The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstructionof Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules. at The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Limited within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers in the following accounts having failed to repay the amount, notice is here by given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described here in bellow in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said rules on the dates mentioned herein below. The borrowers in particular and the public in general is/are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Limited for amount and interest on & other charges.

Date of Possession: 13.11.2025

Name of the Borrower/Surety & Description of the Property Mortgaged	Amount outstanding
Applicant: Sri Ramu S/o Late Muniswamappa **Surety: Smt Manjula M W/o Sri Ramu** All that piece and parcel of Vacant site bearing Katha No.664/165/97/97/2, Gramatana No.97, situated at Gunjur Palya, Ward No.147, Varthur, Bangalore. measuring East to West: 68 ft., and North to South: 26 ft., totally measuring 1768 sq.ft., and bounded on East By: Property belonging to Smt.Venkatamma, West By: Property belonging to Sri.Muniraju, North By: Road, South By: Property belonging to Sri.Dasappa's children.	9,67,905/- + Int. thereon 13.11.2025
Applicant: Smt Prasanna Kumari W/o Late N.L.Giridhar **Surety: Sri B.V.Vijayakumar S/o Sri B.Venkataramaiah** All The piece and Parcel of property No.22 (erstwhile Sy.No.279) CTS No.89 PT Sheet No.414, Present BBMP Katha No.1/1, Earlier No.2/1 (middle portion) 2nd Cross, Manjunathanagara, Magadi Road, (left Side), PID No. 33-82-1/1, New Ward No.123, Ward Name Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560023, Measuring East to West: 33' and North to South: 12' in all measuring 396 Sq.ft bounded on the East By: Road, West By: Property No.23, North By: Remaining portion of same property belonging to L.Vandana, South by: Remaining portion of same property belonging to N.Sujatha.	31,94,259/- + Int. thereon 13.11.2025

Amount paid if any by any of the above borrowers after issuance of Possession Notice, would be reckoned for ascertaining the dues payable at the time of realisation / settlement.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 13.11.2025

Sd/-
Authorised Officer,
The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore -18

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act.) read with Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (the said Rules). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the said Rules, the Authorised Officer of IIFL Home Finance Ltd. (IIFL HFL) (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) has issued Demand Notice under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s), to repay the amount mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them. In connection with above, notice is hereby given, to the Borrower(s) to pay within 60 days from the publication of this notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest from the date(s) of Demand Notice till the date of payment. The detail of the Borrower(s), amount due as on date of Demand Notice and security offered towards repayment of loan amount are as under:-

Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Description of Secured asset (immovable property)
Mr. Abdul Wahab, Mrs. Qurath Zama, **Prospect No IL10069170**	**06/11/2025** ₹466908.00/-(Rupees Four Lakh Sixty Six Thousand Nine Hundred and Eight Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being: A2-07-19, Floor No. 7, Tower A2, Gm Orchid Enclave, Sy No 25/3 & 3/1 Gollahalli Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Area Admeasuring (in Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Saleable_area, Carpet_area Property Area: 350.00, 228.00 Bounded By: North: As Per The Title Documents And Technical Report South: As Per The Title Documents And Technical Report East: As Per The Title Documents And Technical Report West: As Per The Title Documents And Technical Report

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Place : Bangalore; Date : 17.11.2025 **Sd/- , Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Ltd.**

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RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.34,15,334/- (Rupees Thirty Four Lakh Fifteen Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty Four only)** as on **11-06-2025** together with further interest to be charged from **12-06-2025** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) M/s. Laharis Life Care, No.16/1, 1st Floor, 3rd Main Road, N.R. Colony, Behind Katte Balaga, Bangalore - 560019. No.2) Mrs. T.A. Leelavathy, W/o. H.L. Venkatesh, At No.11, 6th Cross, Near Sindhi Hospital, Sampagiram Nagar, Woodland Hotel, Wilson Garden, Bangalore - 560027. No.3) Mr. H.L. Venkatesh, S/o. H.K. Lakshman Murthy, At No.11, 6th Cross, Near Sindhi Hospital, Sampagiram Nagar, Woodland Hotel, Wilson Garden, Bangalore - 560027. No.4) Mrs. L. Radha, W/o. H.K. Lakshman Murthy, At No.11, 6th Cross, Near Sindhi Hospital, Sampagiram Nagar, Woodland Hotel, Wilson Garden, Bangalore - 560027. No.5) Mrs. H.L. Shyamala, W/o. B.A. Ramesh, At No.11, 6th Cross, Near Sindhi Hospital, Sampagiram Nagar, Woodland Hotel, Wilson Garden, Bangalore - 560027.**

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Reserve Price : Rs.44,00,000/-
(Rupees Forty Four Lakh only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
04-12-2025	**City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Basavanagudi Branch,** No.194, Ground Floor, S.C.Road, Near Netkallappa Circle, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru Urban-560004. Ph. No.080-26612162, Cell Nos.9343879470, 8925964904.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

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Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 14-11-2025 **Authorised Officer**

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World Boxing Cup Finals: Indians start with a bang

Reigning world champ Meenakshi Hooda, **Preeti Pawar**, Ankush Phangal and Narender Berwal powered India to a flawless opening as all four secured medals with dominant wins on the opening day (Sunday) of the World Boxing Cup Finals in Greater Noida. The Indian quartet swept through the opening round to enter the last-four stage.

Surface tension spoils India's Eden gamble

Head coach Gambhir defends Kolkata pitch but hosts suffer fourth home Test defeat since he took over in 2024

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@ Kolkata

WHEN Gautam Gambhir tries to rummage through the wreckage to hang onto something approaching positive, he may tell himself that at least the loss was on his own terms. The team management ordered a pitch designed to not last the distance in order to catch their visitors out cold.

But the joke — and this is something that has happened in Indian cricket's recent history (Indore against Australia in 2023 and Mumbai against New Zealand in 2024 to name two) — was on the Indian team. An underwatered black soil deck was meant to enhance the strengths of the hosts but it also brought the South Africans into the game. And on an already misbehaving strip on Day Three, Simon Harmer & Co. ransacked the place to claim one of their greatest away Test wins of all time. By the time Keshav Maharaj had picked up the final wicket, there was, it seemed, a light emanating from the entire visiting unit. Eden Gardens is closely associated with their cricketing history; it was here that they were officially readmitted to the game after international isolation. Now, 34 years later, they ran all across the venue, like happy children discovering a candy store for the first time.

South Africa players celebrate the wicket of Rishabh Pant (R) | SAYANTAN GHOSH

SCOREBOARD

South Africa 1st innings: 159; **India 1st innings:** 189; **South Africa 2nd innings** (93/7 O/N): Bavuma not out 55, Bosch b Bumrah 25, Harmer b Siraj 7, Maharaj lbw b Siraj 0; **Extras:** 11 (lb-11); **Total (all out in 54 ovs):** 153; **FoW:** 8-135, 9-153; **Bowling:** Bumrah 10-2-24-1, Patel 14-0-36-1, Yadav 8-1-30-2, Jadeja 20-3-50-4, Siraj 2-0-2-2; **India 2nd Innings:** Jaiswal c Verreynne b Jansen 0, Rahul c Verreynne b Jansen 1, Sundar c Harmer b Markram 31, Jurel c Bosch b Harmer 13, Pant c & b Harmer 2, Jadeja lbw b Harmer 18, Patel c Bavuma b Maharaj 26, Yadav lbw b Harmer 1, Bumrah not out 0, Siraj c Markram b Maharaj 0, Gill absent hurt; **Extras:** (LB-1) 1; **Total: (All out in 35 ovs) 93; FoW:** 1-0, 2-1, 3-33, 4-38, 5-64, 6-72, 7-77, 8-93, 9-93; **Bowling:** Jansen 7-3-15-2, Harmer 14-4-21-4, Maharaj 9-1-37-2, Bosch 2-0-14-0, Markram 3-0-5-1.

Mixed messaging

Their mood was in sharp contrast to Gambhir, who said that this was exactly the pitch they wanted. Pitch prep isn't an exact science but he was seemingly contradicting his own bowling coach. Less than 24 hours earlier, Morne Morkel had said they didn't think it would deteriorate this quickly.

Last month, Shubman Gill said he wouldn't be averse to playing on all five days. During the West Indies series, Ravindra Jadeja had said the team management had asked for a 'low, slow' wicket. Generally, the support staff, staff whose public face is the coach, had put forth a messaging where strips would take time to deteriorate. So what changed and why has it changed so soon? This was anything but. The 22 yards could have made a passable representation of an Indian road post monsoon season but Gambhir said: "This is what we asked for, this is what we got. I thought the curator was very supportive. When you don't play well, this is what happens."

From his vantage point, he felt the defeat was as a result of temperament and the incapacity to absorb pressure. "It was more of a test of your technique and mental toughness... those who defended well, scored runs," he said. "There was no demon on this wicket. It was not an unplayable one." It's true that seamers found joy but that doesn't necessarily showcase the pitch as not a spin-friendly one. Because this pitch, apart from assisting copious amounts of turn from Day One, was also up and down, its variable bounce a factor right from the first over of the Test. When the turn is consistent, you can trust the surface a bit. But when the bounce is inconsistent it can reduce batting to a lottery. While most home teams try and get a pitch they want, it's generally not this loaded. And the irony is it needn't have been loaded because India have two world class pacers in Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj. But Gambhir said: "We ask for the pitch to aid spinners from Day One so that toss doesn't become crucial. Had we won the Test you wouldn't be asking or discussing so much about pitch. We've got the guys to deliver in any condition."

That's kind of missing the point because batters need an environment to develop, to get better and thrive. They need better decks to feel at home, to know how to go about constructing a long innings over multiple sessions. On pitches like these, they are not going to learn that art.

Here's a sample: no Indian player made more than 39, while four more were dismissed in the 20s. This is what you get on designer tracks, the urge to take chances — risks — because the only guarantee for a batter on surfaces like this is death.

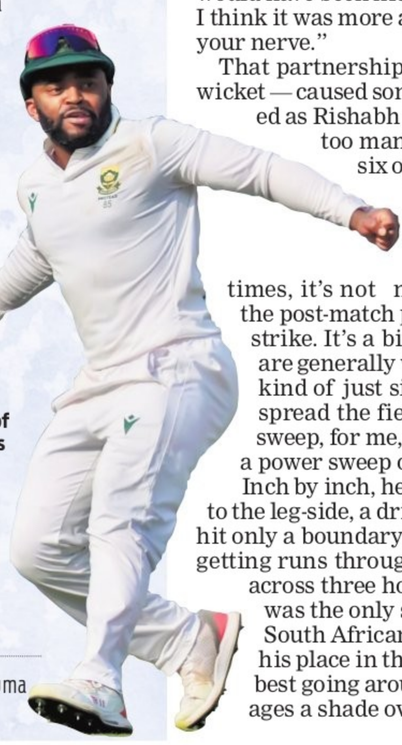
Troublesome turners

India have struggled to outbat opponents on spin-friendly surfaces at home in recent years...

VS AUS, INDORE 2023
Thirty wickets fell on first two days of the match as India failed to score more than 272 both innings combined. Spinners Matthew Kuhnemann and Nathan Lyon ran riot as the visitors toppled India.

VS NZ, PUNE 2024
Another rank turner where left-spinner Mitch Santner held India by their strings. They were all out for 156 in first innings and did not recover from there, losing by 113 runs.

VS NZ, MUMBAI 2024
Chasing 146 on a dustbowl, India were looking to avoid their first 0-3 clean sweep at home. They stuck to go high or go broke approach but fell flat in the end, suffering a historic defeat.



He's been one of the best players in the last 24 months. He showed that this morning (Sunday) and yesterday
— Shukri Conrad, SA head coach

SA's Temba Bavuma | SAYANTAN GHOSH

HEART OF A GIANT: SKIPPER BAVUMA RISES TO OCCASION

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Kolkata

JUST after the first hour on Day One, there was an incident involving Jasprit Bumrah and Temba Bavuma. After an appeal for leg-before was not upheld, the pacer was discussing whether to take DRS. During that discussion, Bumrah, in passing, used the word 'bauna'. Dwarf.

Bavuma's frame may be small but he has the hallmarks of a champion. Across three sessions on Saturday and Sunday, sandwiched by stumps, the man from Langa rose to the occasion. Again. Even as his colleagues came and went, he stuck to his principles, tried to keep the scoreboard moving, trusted his partners when rotating strike and showed exemplary technique on how to bat — survive, really — on a pitch which should make it to the next edition of minesweeper. Survival wasn't a matter of if but when and some of the batters wanted to get ahead of the eight ball before a ball with their name on it came along.

But Bavuma found a method. He would either go forward or right back as much as possible. He tried to avoid intersecting deliveries in no man's land. He didn't come in with any preconceived ideas but 'just play what's in front'. This morning, I think my message to the guys 'was always to just try and play what's in front of you. Try not to have too many preconceived ideas'. (And) it (the pitch) did kind of calm down a bit. Obviously, there was still a bit of turn. But Corbin (Bosch) and I could build a partnership. It would have been nice if Marco was still there this morning. "But I think it was more a case of just play what's in front of you, keep your nerve."

That partnership he strung with Bosch — 44 for the seventh wicket — caused some damage, damage that may have been avoided as Rishabh Pant, the stand-in captain, gave away a touch too many singles. The pair ran 10 singles in the first six overs apart from a four and double so the scoreboard kept moving. One method Bavuma employed to score was the sweep. It's no secret that they have found a lot of success with this particular shot in recent times. "Sometimes, it's not necessarily to get a boundary," Bavuma said in the post-match press conference. "It's just a way of going off strike. It's a bit on the high risk end because their bowlers are generally wicket to wicket. But as you can see, you can't kind of just sit and block and block. Fortunately, they had spread the field so there were singles on offer. "Yeah, the sweep, for me, is pre-meditated. It's just more a case of, is it a power sweep or is it more of a control one?"

Inch by inch, he made progress. A nudge to the off-side, a clip to the leg-side, a drive down the ground... It didn't matter that he hit only a boundary off a spinner in this innings because he was getting runs through other avenues. He may have made only 55 across three hours — but within the context of the game, it was the only stock to invest in. There was a time when the South African skipper faced some criticism with respect to his place in the side. Now? He can lay claim to be one of the best going around. His life-time average is 38.42 but he averages a shade over 59 since the beginning of 2024.

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PIC: SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Netherlands beat India 3-0

BENGALURU: India's campaign in the Billie Jean King Cup playoffs ended in utter disappointment as Netherlands handed the hosts a crushing 3-0 defeat in their Group G fixture here on Sunday. In the first singles, Shrivalli Bhamidipaty went down to Anouk Kovermans 2-6, 4-6. Sahaja Yamalapalli could not resist the powerful World No 87 Suzan Lamens.

India A lose to Pakistan Shaheens

AGENCIES @ Doha

AN inexplicable batting collapse saw fancied India A lose to Pakistan Shaheens by eight wickets in the Asia Cup Rising Stars tournament here on Sunday.

Opting to field after winning the toss, Pakistan Shaheens staged a remarkable comeback to bowl out India A for 136 after they were cruising along at 91 for three in the 10th over. In reply, the Shaheens chased down the target of 137 with as many as 40 balls to spare for their second successive victory in the tournament, even as India suffered their first loss after starting the campaign with a big win against the UAE.

Opener Maaz Sadaqat topscored for Shaheens with an unbeaten 47-ball 79, capping off an excellent outing for him after taking two wickets with his left-arm spin bowling. During his knock, Sadaqat struck seven fours and four sixes while also getting a life when Vaibhav Suryavanshi dropped a sitter at point. Asked to bat first, teen batting sensation Suryavanshi blazed his way to a 28-ball 45 and Naman Dhir smashed a 20-ball 35 before the bowlers brought Pakistan back into the contest, with medium pacer Shahid Aziz claiming 3/24 in three overs.

There were also two wickets apiece for Saad Masood and Maaz Sadaqat as India lost eight wickets for 35 runs in the last 10 overs after looking at a total of around 175 to 180 at the halfway mark. Once Suryavanshi fell, India lost their way.

Brief scores: India A 136 all out in 19 ovs (Vaibhav Suryavanshi 45, Naman Dhir 35; Shahid Aziz 3/24) **lost to** Pakistan Shaheens 137/2 in 13.2 overs (Maaz Sadaqat 79 not out). **Live on Sony Sports Network**

Chess WC: Harikrishna goes down in tie-break

AGENCIES @ Panaji

INDIA'S hopes in the FIDE World Cup 2025 will depend solely on second seed GM Arjun Erigaisi after GM P Harikrishna went down in the fifth round tiebreak against GM Jose Eduardo Martinez Alcantara here on Sunday.

While Arjun had knocked out two-time champion GM Levon Aronian 1.5:0.5 in the two classical games, Harikrishna had to win the tiebreak against Martinez after drawing both the classical games.

The first two rapid games, which had 15 minute time control, also ended with a draw. In the next set of rapid games with 10 minute time control, Harikrishna pushed for a win with white and banked on his preparation to add almost a minute to his clock after 14 moves. But Martinez was ready with his counter and slowly but surely took control of the situation after the Indian traded the queens and Martinez won the game in a rook-pawn endgame after 59 moves. Harikrishna faced a must-win situation with black in the second game but could only manage a draw and was knocked out of the competition in 30 moves.

P Harikrishna during R5 tie-break of World Cup 2025 | ETERI KUBLASHVILI | FIDE

In the other tiebreaks, GM Sam Shankland defeated former world rapid champion GM Daniil Dubov in the first tiebreak rapid games while GM Andrey Esipenko won with white and then drew with black against GM Aleksey Grebnev to advance to the quarterfinals. The final quarterfinal spot was claimed by Germany's GM Alexander Donchenko, who overcame Vietnam's GM Le Quang Liem.

EXPRESS READ

Gaikwad, Rana shine as Ind A bt SA A by 9 wkts

RAJKOT: Ruturaj Gaikwad made an unbeaten fifty following Harshit Rana's three-wicket burst as India A crushed South Africa A by nine wickets in the second unofficial ODI here on Sunday. The victory helped India A to take an insurmountable 2-0 lead in the three-match series. Rana (3/21) and Nishant Sindhu (4/16) stepped up with the ball.

Pistol shooter Harpreet in contention for medal

CAIRO: Veteran Indian pistol marksman Harpreet Singh kept himself in contention for a medal in the men's 25m centre fire event, finishing second after the precision round at the ISSF World Championships, here on Sunday. The 44-year-old shot 291 in the 'precision' round. Pavlo Korostylov emerged as the leader after day one.

CWG King's Baton Relay unveiled

AHMEDABAD: King's Baton Relay for the 2026 Glasgow Commonwealth Games (CWG) was unveiled at Sanskardham Campus here on Saturday under the aegis of Vijayi Bharat Foundation (VBF). Olympic medallist and IOA vice president Gagan Narang, VBF director Durgesh Agarwal were among dignitaries who were present.

RACING

'Indians have to risk losing to be successful'

CHANDRA PRABHU @ Coimbatore

DURING his heydays in the 1980s, USA's Freddie Spencer was at the pinnacle of Grand Prix motorcycle racing. A three-time world champion, the MotoGP Hall of Famer is considered to be one of the MotoGP Legends.

For the last four years or so, Spencer has been working with prominent Indian two-wheeler makers Royal Enfield and has been guiding youngsters at the 'Royal Enfield Track School', which prepares the racers for Continental GT650 Cup.

Freddie Spencer

As the JK Tyre-powered tournament concluded here at the Kari Motor Speedway on Sunday, Spencer sat down with select media to give his thoughts about Indian riders. He said that the riders should be willing to take more risks in order to become a success.

"You (the Indian riders) have to take the risk to go through the selection process. What I always compliment each of our riders that are applying for the chance to be part of the programme (outside India) is congratulations on making the effort to try. You have to be willing to risk losing. You have to be able to accept that you are going to have to make an effort over and beyond what you think you are able to do to be successful," Spencer said.

Dhruvh LGB F4 champion

Dhruvh Goswami of Bengaluru won both races in the final weekend to clinch the LGB Formula 4 Category, the blue-riband event of the 28th JK Tyre FMSCI National Racing Championship at the Kari Motor Speedway on Sunday.

Title Winners: LGB F4: Dhruvh Goswami, (Rookie): Monith Kumaran Levitas Cup (Rookie): Balaji Raju; (Gentlemen): Jai Prashanth Venkat; Novice Cup: Lokithlingesh Ravi. RE GT Cup (Amateur): Bryan Nicholas, (Professional): Anish Shetty.

RANJI ROUND-UP

Smaran and Karun rescue Karnataka

ENS/AGENCIES @ Hubballi

PROMISING batter R Smaran (110) made an unbeaten hundred and Karun Nair a 95 as Karnataka reached a strong 298/5 against Chandigarh in their Ranji Trophy match on Sunday. Karnataka were on the back foot initially, having lost skipper Mayank Agarwal, KV Aneesh and KL Shrijith for just 64 on the board. As they have done so often this season, Smaran and Karun rescued Karnataka, milking 119 runs for the fourth wicket.

Odisha 243/7 vs Nagaland

BHUBANESWAR: After losing four wickets for just 34, Biplab Samantray (92) and Anil Parida (98 not out) added 179 runs for the fifth wicket as Odisha posted 243/7 against Nagaland. Ronit More, Imliwati Lemtur and Rongsen Jonathan claimed two wickets for Nagaland.

Sharandeep slams ton

JAMSHEDPUR: Young opener Sharandeep Singh overcame a lean patch to score a century as Jharkhand posted 259/6 against Andhra. Andhra's right-arm pacer KV Sasikanth (3/50) and left-arm spinner Saurabh Kumar (2/63) shared five wickets between them.

Good start for TN

COIMBATORE: Baba Indrajith scored an unbeaten 128 while C Andre Siddarth hit 121 as the Tamil Nadu reached 282/5 against Uttar Pradesh.

Aparajith's fifty for Kerala

INDORE: Baba Aparajith was unbeaten on 81 while Abijith Praveen scored 60 as Kerala ended the day at 246/7 against Madhya Pradesh. Saransh Jain claimed three wickets.

J&K in control vs Hyderabad

JAMMU: As many as 16 wickets fell on the day as visitors Hyderabad were left reeling at 88/6 after bundling out Jammu and Kashmir for 170. Pacer Auqib Nabi claimed 3/30 for J&K.

Delhi struggle vs Rajasthan

RAJSAMAND: Centuries from Sachin Yadav (130) and Kunal Singh Rathore (102) took hosts Rajasthan to a strong position against Delhi. They were 263/4 when the bails were drawn.

SELECT SCORES

Group A: At Jamshedpur: Jharkhand 259/6 in 87 ovs (Sharandeep Singh 115; KV Sasikanth 3/50) vs Andhra; At Bhubaneswar: Odisha 243/7 in 89 ovs (Biplab Samantray 92, Anil Parida 98 batting; Ronit More 2/45, Imliwati Lemtur 2/25, Rongsen Jonathan 2/61) vs Nagaland; At Coimbatore: Tamil Nadu 282/5 in 81.3 ovs (Baba Indrajith 128 batting, C Andre Siddarth 121; Aaqib Khan 2/13, Kunal Tyagi 2/23) vs Uttar Pradesh. **Group B:** At Indore: Kerala 246/7 in 90 ovs (Baba Aparajith 81 batting, Abijith Praveen 60; Saransh Jain 3/38, Arshad Khan 3/45) vs Madhya Pradesh; At Hubballi: Karnataka 294/5 in 90 ovs (Karun Nair 95, Ravichandran Smaran 110 batting; Nishunk Birla 2/85). **Group D:** At Jammu: Jammu and Kashmir 170 in 47.1 ovs (Abid Mushtaq 57; Kartikeya Kak 3/48, Tanay Thyagarajan 3/19) vs Hyderabad 88/6 in 28 ovs (Rahul Singh 48; Auqib Nabi 3/30); At Rajsamand: Rajasthan 263/4 in 84.2 ovs (Sachin Yadav 130, Kunal Singh Rathore 102; Simarjeet Singh 3/56) vs Delhi.

Portugal qualify, Ireland in 2026 WC play-offs

AGENCIES @ Porto

PORTUGAL crushed Armenia 9-1 without suspended talisman Cristiano Ronaldo to clinch qualification for the 2026 World Cup finals on Sunday.

Manchester United's Bruno Fernandes and Paris Saint-Germain's Joao Neves both scored hat-tricks for Roberto Martinez's side as they racked up a huge win in Porto to top Group F.

In another Group F tie, Ireland pulled off a thrilling 3-2 victory over Hungary at the Puskas Arena in Budapest to qualify for the World Cup playoffs. Troy Parrot, who had scored a double against Portugal just a few days ago, was the hero for Ireland once again as he scored a hat-trick.

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ICONIC EVENTS AND TRADITIONS

■ IIM Shillong's campus life is shaped by a set of student-led events that bring together creativity, competition, and community. Nirvana, the annual cultural festival in March, blends Northeast traditions with contemporary performances, featuring music acts, stand-up comedy, and a wide range of cultural showcases. Khlurthma, the management fest, draws teams from top B-Schools across India for competitions in strategy, marketing, finance, and more, creating a space where students test ideas, collaborate, and learn from peers. The campus also hosts TEDx IIM Shillong and The Podium interaction series, both of which introduce fresh perspectives and encourage conversations that connect classroom learning with broader professional and creative worlds.

■ Traditions unique to the institute add another layer to this environment. The IIM Shillong Cup, known informally as Learning on the Green Turf, brings students and CXOs together on the sports field, creating space for informal mentoring and easy conversations outside formal settings. Alongside these flagship events, the campus atmosphere consistently reflects the region's cultural richness and the institute's global outlook, giving students experiences that are both rooted and outward-looking. Together, these festivals, forums, and traditions foster leadership, curiosity, and a sense of community that tends to stay with students long after they graduate.

PLACEMENT TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

Historical growth trajectory (2016–2024)

The institute's average CTC has shown a clear upward trend over the years:

₹14.00 LPA	₹19.17 LPA	₹23.10 LPA	₹26.96 LPA	₹26.10 LPA
2016	2021	2022	2023	2024

Overall, this reflects a cumulative growth of nearly 86 percent between 2016 and 2024.

2025 placement season — Batch size 382 students

₹71.5 LPA	₹26.44 LPA	₹25LPA
Highest package	Average package	Median package

GENDER RATIO: 52% FEMALE | 48% MALE

RECRUITER PARTICIPATION — 141 TOTAL RECRUITERS | 54 NEW RECRUITERS | 75 PRE-PLACEMENT OFFERS

IIM Shillong's initiatives bring together research, community engagement, and institutional partnerships to support development in the Northeast while broadening academic and professional exposure for students and faculty.

Initiatives, Ventures and Collaborations

RESEARCH, POLICY, AND INCUBATION

The Gati Shakti Research Chair, set up with the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, examines multimodal logistics and infrastructure with a focus on the Northeast. Its work links academic study with sectoral planning and capacity-building needs. The Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Centre for Policy Research and Analysis conducts studies on socio-economic themes relevant to the region's long-term development. Entrepreneurship is supported through the Foundation for Incubation and Enterprises, which provides mentoring to early-stage ventures and prioritises ideas that address practical challenges.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, INNOVATION, AND GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

The Centre for Community Impact and Engagement and the Nurturing Minds programme anchor the institute's outreach efforts. Students participate in school-focused initiatives, environmental activities, and workshops that introduce local communities to practical skill-building and problem-solving approaches. Innovation cells and research labs on campus encourage interdisciplinary work in analytics, sustainability, and technology-driven solutions, while annual conferences and thematic summits foster exchange among academics, practitioners, and students. International MoUs with institutions across Europe, Africa, and North America support exchanges and joint academic engagements, allowing students and researchers to experience varied academic environments.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Nishul Wadhwa, Batch 2019-21, Model Risk Management, Barclays London

Utsav Vyas, 2022-24, Sr Associate, Boston Consulting Group

Shrija Sharma, 2021-23, Sr Knowledge Analyst, McKinsey & Company

Aishpreet Matharu, 2025-27, Client Service Manager, ielMPACT Appraisal Data Entry Service

Life in the clouds at IIM Shillong

From student festivals to monsoon mornings, the campus reflects the diversity and landscape around it.

1 Set amidst the lush greenery of Meghalaya, IIM Shillong's campus life is shaped as much by its surroundings as by its people. The pine forests, lakes, and mist-covered hills, give the campus a pace and texture that feel distinct from most management schools. Students from across India come together, bringing their own regional traditions, which are celebrated through a lively calendar of festivals including Onam, Pongal, Holi, Diwali, and the flagship cultural fest, Nirvana.

2 Beyond academics, the campus experience is shaped by beloved gathering spots like the Green Turf, Student Lounge, and Hilltop Viewpoint, each offering a different perspective of the rain-soaked valleys and community life. The annual Cherry Blossom Festival, drawing thousands to Shillong and generating a significant boost to the state's economy, often coincides with major institute events, deepening connections between students, faculty, and visiting leaders. The best moments come during the monsoon, when the landscape transforms, infusing daily routines with a sense of discovery and camaraderie.

STUDENT VOICES

UDAY PARMAR
PGP 2025-27

"It's been a month since I joined IIM Shillong, and what a journey it's been so far! The hectic schedule is balanced by the serenity of this beautiful campus nestled in the clouds. I'm excited for all the learning, growth, and fun the next two years have in store!"

DAMINI PRAKASH SINGH
PGPEX 2025-26

"My five months at IIM Shillong have been transformative, intense & inspiring. From sharpening my strategic thinking to broadening my leadership lens, every experience has been deeply enriching. The curriculum is sharp, the faculty brings wisdom beyond textbooks, and the serene campus creates space for reflection and collaboration."

TRIPTI ARORA
PGP 2024-26

"The best part of studying here is the unparalleled combination of academic rigour and experiential learning, supported by a highly collaborative peer environment. The focus on holistic development, strong industry interface, and emphasis on leadership prepares us to solve complex business challenges with strategic insight and purpose."

'Our mission is to develop well-rounded leaders, not just skilled managers'

IIM Shillong Director-in-Charge Prof Nalini Prava Tripathy reflects on the institute's approach to learning, outreach, and regional engagement

Every academic and outreach activity at IIM Shillong reinforces its mandate to build a prosperous, resilient, and equitable India by 2047.

Prof Nalini Prava Tripathy, Director-in-Charge

● What are the unique strengths or focus areas that set IIM Shillong apart from other IIMs?

IIM Shillong stands out for its commitment to sustainability, ethical leadership, and inclusive growth. A cornerstone of our approach is the Community Immersion Programme, where students collaborate with NGOs, Farmer Producer Organisations, and startups to develop business models and lead projects. Our School Adoption Initiative and Nurturing Minds Programme empower students to mentor children and enhance rural education. We take pride in our gender diversity, with 42% women and 58% men. Small class sizes ensure personalised engagement, supported by Meghalaya's eco-friendly setting. IIM Shillong has partnerships with over 40 international universities for exchanges and research, and initiatives like the IIM Shillong Golf Cup foster experiential learning and networking.

● What is the institute doing to strengthen industry partnerships and improve student employability?

IIM Shillong has cultivated a dynamic ecosystem of industry engagement that extends beyond classroom education. Platforms such as the Business Leadership Summit and the IIM Shillong Golf Cup bring industry leaders to campus for interactive discussions. CXO Meets in major cities and speaker series like Podium, LEAD, Emerge, and TEDx foster continuous engagement with top executives. These interactions are supported by live projects, internships, and national competitions, where students have excelled in L'Oréal Brandstorm, Tata Crucible, and Mahindra War Room. Students also earn scholarships like the Aditya Birla Scholarship and OPJEMS. Through these initiatives, IIM Shillong ensures its graduates are job-ready and prepared to become future-ready leaders.

● What factors have contributed to the current level of female enrolment at IIM Shillong?

Meghalaya's matrilineal traditions provide a unique cultural backdrop where women are naturally viewed as leaders. This ethos aligns seamlessly with our values and is reflected in the institute's consistently strong gender balance, with the latest batch comprising 42% women. Our inclusive environment nurtures confidence and teamwork, transforming diversity into impactful results. Recruiters value this equilibrium, as our female graduates excel in leadership positions across consulting, finance, and social impact sectors.

● How does the MoU with the Tripura government fit into IIM Shillong's engagement with governance and rural development?

The MoU with the Tripura government represents a pivotal step in enhancing grassroots governance and rural development by focusing on training Panchayat officials. While its primary mandate is to build capacity among local administrators, the initiative also provides IIM Shillong students with opportunities to observe governance models and engage directly with developmental challenges at the grassroots. This exposure broadens their perspective beyond the corporate domain, deepening their understanding of the complexities of inclusive development. The programme strongly aligns with IIM Shillong's broader mission of blending management education with the goals of nation-building.

● In what ways do international MoUs contribute to cross-cultural exposure and global engagement for students?

Over 35 international MoUs expand opportunities for both students and faculty. Through student exchange programmes with institutions like EADA Barcelona, Johns Hopkins University, IESEG Paris, and the University of Wollongong, Australia, our students gain exposure to diverse business ecosystems, fostering cross-cultural competence. Faculty collaborations drive impactful global engagement through joint research, case development, and participation in international conferences. A prime example is the Global Summit on Sustainable Innovation Conference, co-hosted by IIM Shillong with the IVY College of Business, USA, and EM Strasbourg Business School, France, which welcomed 50 delegates from 13 countries.

● How is IIM Shillong addressing communication and workplace skill gaps among Meghalaya's youth?

The North East Centre for Communication and Innovation (NECCIE) in Education focuses on addressing skill deficiencies in the region through targeted programmes. Workshops on business communication, such as the CM Business Catalyst Workshop, equip local youth with professional competencies including public speaking, presentation skills, and workplace preparedness. Through these structured initiatives, NECCIE strengthens the capabilities of Meghalaya's youth and contributes to regional workforce development, underscoring IIM Shillong's dedication to using management education for societal progress and enhancing the local talent pool.

● Where do you see India in 2050 and what role do you see the institute playing towards the same vision?

IIM Shillong is closely aligned with the Viksit Bharat 2047 vision, aiming to make India a developed nation by its 100th year of independence. The institute contributes through research, education, and community engagement focused on sustainable growth and regional development. Key initiatives include establishing India's first Gati Shakti Research Chair to improve logistics and connectivity in Northeast India. IIM Shillong promotes skill development, innovation, and inclusive leadership, and engages in financial literacy programmes across Meghalaya, empowering communities in line with Viksit Bharat's inclusive goals.

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DAY'S DIARY

Canal opened

The Suez Canal, connecting the Mediterranean Sea with the Red Sea, was officially opened in Egypt on this day in 1869

THE LENGTH

The Canal stretches 120 miles from Port Said on the Mediterranean Sea in Egypt southward to the city of Suez (located on the northern shores of the Gulf of Suez)

PROCESS OF BUILDING

Construction began in 1859. It took 10 years. Climatic difficulties, a cholera epidemic, and labour troubles slowed down operations

HARDSHIPS

The history of international use of the canal during wartime includes denial of passage to Spanish warships during the Spanish-American War of 1898

Happenings in and around namma ooru

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sWINg IT GIRLS!

With the first blind women's T20 World Cup under way, players from Karnataka chat with *CE* about their determination to bring home the cup and being inspired by the India women's cricket team

PIC : NAMMA LEAGUE

MAHIMA NAGARAJU

JUST two weeks ago, the India women's cricket team brought home the World Cup trophy in a ground-breaking moment. With the buzz from the win starting to settle, another group of women cricketers may just jolt us awake soon – the India blind women's cricket team playing in the first-ever blind women's T20 World Cup. After winning their first two matches in Delhi and third in Bengaluru, the team defeated Pakistan by 8 wickets, qualifying for the semi-finals.

"We must definitely bring home the cup!," says captain Deepika TC, adding the India women's team's recent win acted as a great morale booster for her girls.

> *We were all happy when Jemimah (Rodrigues) didi scored a century. She always encourages us to play well. She and Smriti Mandhana have supported us a lot. We loved her confidence and that she proved herself, especially against a team like Australia. I hope people support us the same way and blind cricket gets added to the paralympics - that's my dream. I want everyone to be familiar with blind cricket.*
>
> Deepika TC, captain

All-rounder Kavya NR proves her right when she adds, "We were so proud we felt like we ourselves had won. I have confidence that we will too because the players are among the best from different parts of the country. We also have a really good bond."

Early Days

Deepika, like many of the girls, started playing blind cricket at a school for the visually-impaired with much apprehension surrounding her choice. "I grew up in a small town near the Andhra Pradesh border and my parents were initially worried about what others would say because I'm a girl. The culture there is very different," she recalls. A turning point came after she joined the newly-minted national team in 2019, which later went on to win the World Games in 2023. "My parents were confident that their daughter would achieve something. Now, as the India and Karnataka team's captain, I feel very happy," she says, beaming.

It's a similar story for Kavya NR, who was blinded when playing as a five-year-old. She says, "My parents were afraid that I would get hurt and worried about how I would manage until I got the National Award in 2018 for wall climbing." She started playing cricket in 2019 while studying at Samarthanam Trust. She adds, "I stuck with cricket because I wanted to represent India; seeing cricketers receive Arjuna awards too inspired me." For both girls, cricket became a passion, a purpose and a way to support their families.

Zeal to Succeed

The team has been practising for a month leading up to the World Cup under Deepika's captainship. She was instrumental in India's 209-run win against Australia, having scored 91 herself. She compares her style to her favourite player, Virat Kohli. "On the field, I'm very aggressive. I think we have that in common. I'm always thinking that we should give our 100 per cent, so whenever someone misses a catch, I scold them, even the senior players," she says with a laugh. But this aggression is tempered with a democratic spirit as she adds, "It requires a lot of communication to coordinate among players who have different levels of blindness. But, since most are seniors who have been captains themselves, we discuss everything before making any decision."

Having three players from Karnataka is a matter of pride but also pressure for Deepika, as she says, "I'm always pushing them a bit more because we're representing Karnataka. They are definitely putting in the effort." Kavya Venkatesh, playing internationally for the first time, says, "The three of us have great coordination together. Deepika is a good player, so that's a bit of extra pressure for us, but the team and our manager support me a lot, saying, if I didn't play well today, I definitely will tomorrow."

How does blind cricket work?

Blind cricket is played in almost the same way as the regular format, with a few key differences. Players are divided into B1, B2 and B3 categories based on the extent of impairment. Bowling is always done underarm and the ball (which makes a tinkling sound) rolls towards the player without pitching. Before the ball is bowled, the batsman gets a heads-up from the keeper. All runs scored by B1 players who are completely blind get doubled in the final score.

NAAKKA MUKKA FEVER

Popular music composer and playback singer Vijay Antony, known for superhits like *Naakka Mukka*, *Athichudi* and *Puli Urumudhu*, sets the stage on fire with his musical concert at Phoenix Marketcity, Mahadevapura

CITY READ

Himachali flavours come to Bengaluru

Step into the rich culinary heritage of Himachal Pradesh with an authentic Himachali Dham at The Oterra Hotel's 24@43 in Electronic City. The specially curated menu features the region's soulful delicacies, including babru (fried bread), auriya kaddu (pumpkin preparation), kallu trout (a local fish delicacy), mitha bhath (sweet rice) and chha gosht (a rich mutton preparation), among others, served in a traditional style. The event is served in a setting inspired by the region's rich culture and hospitality. Himachali Dham, priced at ₹2,699++, will run until November 21.

Yes to sisterhood

Rhythm Verma's Scarlet Social Club is a woman-only community that seeks to foster female friendships

MAHIMA NAGARAJU

WHILE stereotypes may dictate that girls' and women's friendships are tinged with envy, competitiveness, or superficiality, those of us who actually have them would vouch for those friends who have stuck through failures and heartbreaks, and been the supportive light we desperately needed. 25-year-old Rhythm Verma, having grown up in all-girls schools and colleges, has had plenty of those, and with the intention of spreading this joy, started Scarlet Social Club, a woman-only space. "In a city like Bengaluru, where we have so many people coming from all over India, it's very difficult to make friends. The intention isn't to be against mixed gender groups or men. It is to create an intimate group of women where we can have conversations that everyone relates to and foster female friendships," she explains.

Verma and her team of five curate a different experience each week, many inspired by trends on social media. So far, they've done everything from horse riding and picnics to junk journaling, vision boarding, cake decorating and pizza-making workshops. "We just wanted to get girls out of their houses and make them experience all these things that they keep saving in their phones to try," says Verma, explaining that she incorporates elements that encourage genuine connections that go beyond the event day. "In the first picnic that we had, we had a scavenger hunt and made flower bouquets, but we also had time to sit down and talk. At the end, we wrote 'love letters' to each other, mentioning qualities we liked in each other. These are the aspects that make it so wholesome and feminine," says Verma.

Rhythm Verma incorporates elements that encourage genuine connections that go beyond the event day

The events usually have a fun dress-code too, giving participants an opportunity to go all out with their looks, breaking out the beautiful clothes stashed away for special occasions and never used. At a recent event, the group donned elaborate traditional wear for a pizza-making workshop. "I get questions like 'can we wear these kinds of clothes?' and always tell them not to care about how revealing it is, but about how they feel in what they're wearing. Since it's going to be 30 other women, no one's going to judge you."

As the club has gained traction since early this year, when it started, Verma points out one thing that has really stuck with her – the diverse age groups of women who enthusiastically turn up each weekend. "We recently had a mom-daughter duo who came with the latter's childhood friend. As we grow, I'm seeing a lot of older women coming in and they're absolutely loving it."

Registrations will be announced on @scarlet.socialclub on Instagram

XPRESS FOCUS

Christ University Launches ESG and CSR Programmes with Ripples Learning & Research

Dignitaries, faculty and industry partners at the launch of Christ University's ESG and CSR programmes with Ripples Learning & Research.

CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Kengeri Campus, has launched new Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programmes, an initiative of the Centre for Social Action (CSA) in collaboration with Ripples Learning & Research. Abhishek Ranjan, Joint Secretary, UN Global Compact India, served as Chief Guest, with Marisa Tallmonti, Global Head – HR, Esyasoft, as Guest of Honour. Speakers highlighted the growing demand for ESG and CSR professionals and the need for accessible, industry-aligned training.

The ESG course will be offered by the Department of Civil Engineering, and the CSR course by the School of Social Work. Both six-month programmes are designed for industry professionals, NGO personnel, bankers, government officials and academicians, delivered primarily in online mode with in-person contact classes.

Launch of "Quantum for Business" course

Under the National Quantum mission (NQM), approved by the Union Cabinet, Capacity building on Quantum Technologies is a key focus of the Indian Government. The focus is on creating a skilled workforce and fostering entrepreneurship and industry collaboration. The Government of Karnataka, too, has an ambitious initiative, ie, "$20 billion quantum economy by 2035", and a goal of creating over 10,000 high-skilled jobs in this sector.

To contribute to these initiatives of national significance, Christ University's School of Business and Management has entered into a partnership with Quokka Quantum, Australia. Together, they will be launching, Quantum for Business course to the students of Christ University.

This unique course has been designed based on the background and desired learning outcomes of the participants. Students would be trained to identify and apply the power of Quantum Computing to real and practical use cases and not waste precious resources, based on the hype surrounding this cutting-edge technology.

Teachers Turn Smart Innovators with the 'Smart Battery Monitoring System'

A team of innovators from the School of Engineering & Technology, Christ University, has unveiled an advanced real-time battery monitoring and cloud-connected diagnostic system, named Brick, that ably redefines how electric vehicle (EV) and energy storage batteries are monitored and maintained.

Brick has been co-developed by faculty Dr. Parag Jose C. and Dr Venkataswamy R along with students Ujwal Uthaman and Vishnu Padmarajan. Brick enables real-time monitoring of key battery performance parameters such as voltage, current, and State of Charge (SoC) of the battery, making it a vital tool for electric mobility platforms, stationary energy storage systems, and research laboratories. It acquires battery data through Controller Area Network (CAN) communication directly from the Battery Management System (BMS), ensuring accurate and reliable data collection. To enhance accessibility, Brick also features 4G/5G-based cloud connectivity, transmitting data seamlessly to remote servers for storage and analytics.

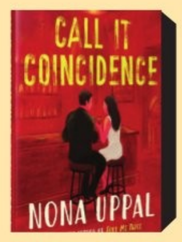
BOOK NOOK

Bhima's Wife
by Kavita Kane

A powerful reimagining of the *Mahabharata* through Hidimbi's eyes, this book is about the forgotten wife of Bhima. It unveils her untold story of love, sacrifice, and strength as a demoness and queen erased from legend.

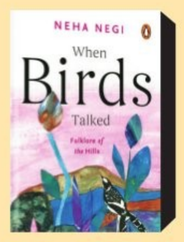
The Lion's Tale
by Akhil K

The tale unfolds in the misty Kerala town of Ettunaad, where a hooch distiller's ghostly ruse spirals into murder and mystery. Blending myth, folklore, and modern intrigue, it explores the clash between tradition and power.



Call It Coincidence
by Nona Uppal

A tender tale of love, loss, and second chances, following Naina and Vatsal as fate reunites them after heartbreak. It's a story of rekindled emotions, healing, and the courage to love again.



When Birds Talked
by Neha Negi

Lyrical collection of Uttarakhand's bird folklore, blending mythology, ecology, and human imagination. It celebrates vanishing traditions and calls for the preservation of fragile Himalayan ecosystems.

A ROYAL SHEEN

Mysore princesses Kamakshi Devi Wadiyar and Indrakshi Devi Wadiyar inaugurate a diamond boutique in Sadashivanagar | KEVIN NASHON

QUICKFIX

CORIANDER GARLIC-GINGER SOUP

INGREDIENTS

- **Coriander:** 2 sprigs
- **Ginger:** 50g, shredded
- **Carrot:** 50g, shredded
- **Veg stock:** 4 cups
- **Spring onion:** 1 stalk
- **Garlic:** 50g, shredded
- **Pepper powder:** 100 g
- **Lime:** 1

METHOD

- Clean the coriander and chop it up. In white oil, sauté chopped spring onion, ginger-garlic shreds.
- Add carrot to the mix and sauté. Pour in stock, salt, pepper powder, and boil the soup.
- Squeeze lime into the soup and serve hot.

Contributed by **Pooja Sen,** Delhi

ASK AN XPERT

DR VIVEK ARORA

The expert is a senior veterinarian, Crown Vet, Delhi

We have a half stray, and now her sister wants to stay with us. Our dog is throwing tantrums and is unsettled. How long will it take for her to adjust?

It's common for a resident dog to feel territorial or unsettled when another dog joins the home, even a familiar one. The adjustment period can take 2-4 weeks, depending on their individual temperaments and past experiences. Offer your first dog extra affection, consistent routines, and dedicated one-on-one time to boost her confidence. Feed them separately, avoid showing favouritism, and reward calm or friendly interactions with treats and praise. Keep early meetings brief and supervised, ensuring each dog has personal space. With patience and positive reinforcement, harmony usually develops. If tension continues, seek advice from a certified animal behaviourist or your veterinarian.

FITBIT

WATER: THE FOUNDATION OF LIFE AND WELLNESS

Water is the essence of life. The entire human body depends on this element to function properly. While most people focus on food choices and supplements, hydration is the foundation of good health. Water is vital for the body's functions, whether it be digestion or temperature regulation.

WHY WATER MATTERS

- It aids digestion by helping break down food and absorb nutrients efficiently.
- It flushes out toxins, keeping the kidneys and liver functioning optimally.
- Staying hydrated also helps maintain joint lubrication, regulate body temperature and improve skin elasticity.
- Even mild dehydration can lead to fatigue, headaches, mood changes, and decreased concentration, making consistent hydration essential for physical and mental performance.

SMART WAYS TO STAY HYDRATED

- Start your day with water: Drinking a glass first thing in the morning kick-starts metabolism and rehydrates the body after hours of rest.
- While plain water is the best and most natural choice, hydration doesn't have to be monotonous.
- Infuse water with fruits like lemon, cucumber, or mint for a refreshing twist and added antioxidants.
- Coconut water serves as a natural electrolyte drink, ideal for post-workout replenishment.
- Herbal teas, unsweetened lemon water, or even water-rich foods like watermelon, cucumber, oranges and tomatoes contribute significantly to your daily intake.

When you prioritise hydration, you support your metabolism, energy levels, and nutrient absorption. By making small but consistent efforts like keeping a bottle nearby, infusing water with natural flavours, or choosing hydrating foods, you can turn this simple habit into one of your most powerful health strategies.

By Spoorthi S, fitness expert, cult – a fitness and wellness platform

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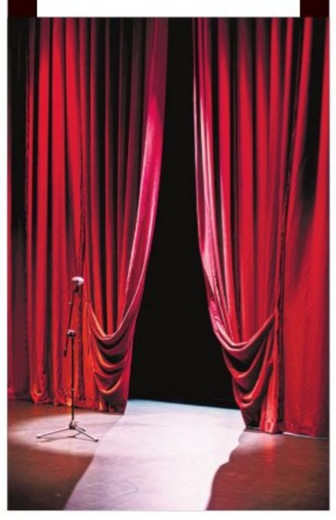
WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Late Night Laughs

Unwind with a fun, easygoing stand-up showcase featuring a rotating lineup of Bengaluru comedians. This late-evening session brings together relatable stories, sharp punchlines, and spontaneous humour, ideal for night owls looking to end the day with a burst of laughter.

WHEN: November 17, 9.30pm
WHERE: TAG Comedy Club, Koramangala
CALL: 95388 18410



Combat Basics

A dynamic, beginner-friendly session, this workshop introduces the fundamentals of striking, self-defence and MMA-style movement. Guided by trained instructors, the session focuses on strength, confidence, and controlled technique, perfect for anyone curious about combat sports or looking to boost overall fitness. No prior experience is required.

WHEN: November 17, 8.30pm onwards
WHERE: NY Knockout Academy, Ranka Colony Road
CALL: 97312 64950

Inner Harmony

This meditation session, featuring mindfulness practices, explores themes such as forgiveness, clarity and emotional release, helping participants unwind and reconnect with a calmer inner rhythm. Open to beginners and seasoned meditators alike, the event offers a warm, peaceful space to pause and breathe.

WHEN: November 17, 7pm
WHERE: Namma Ashram, Whitefield
DETAIL: bookmyshow.com

Creative Patterns

Immerse yourself in a soothing, creative session designed to help you slow down and reconnect with your inner calm. This workshop, priced at ₹999, introduces the gentle art of mandala-making. Guided by an instructor in a relaxed cafe setting, participants will learn how to build symmetrical designs, explore colour combinations and create intricate patterns step by step.

WHEN: November 17, 4pm
WHERE: Thirdspace – Art Cafe and Community, Hosur Main Road
DETAIL: bookmyshow.com

Artful Balance

Join a relaxed, hands-on art session where participants transform everyday glass bottles into colourful, personalised pieces. With simple guidance and all materials provided, this workshop encourages you to play with colour, explore patterns, and enjoy an easy creative break.

WHEN: November 17, 6.30pm
WHERE: Fabrizo – Creative Activity Hub, BTM Layout
CALL: 73861 41621

Jam Night

This cosy, music-filled evening celebrates classic Kannada melodies. Led by singer Subramanya, the session features nostalgic favourites, audience requests and jam segments. The event is perfect for anyone who enjoys timeless tunes and a relaxed cafe ambience.

WHEN: November 17, 6pm
WHERE: Silaa – The Garden Cafe, Malleswaram
CALL: 90710 96565

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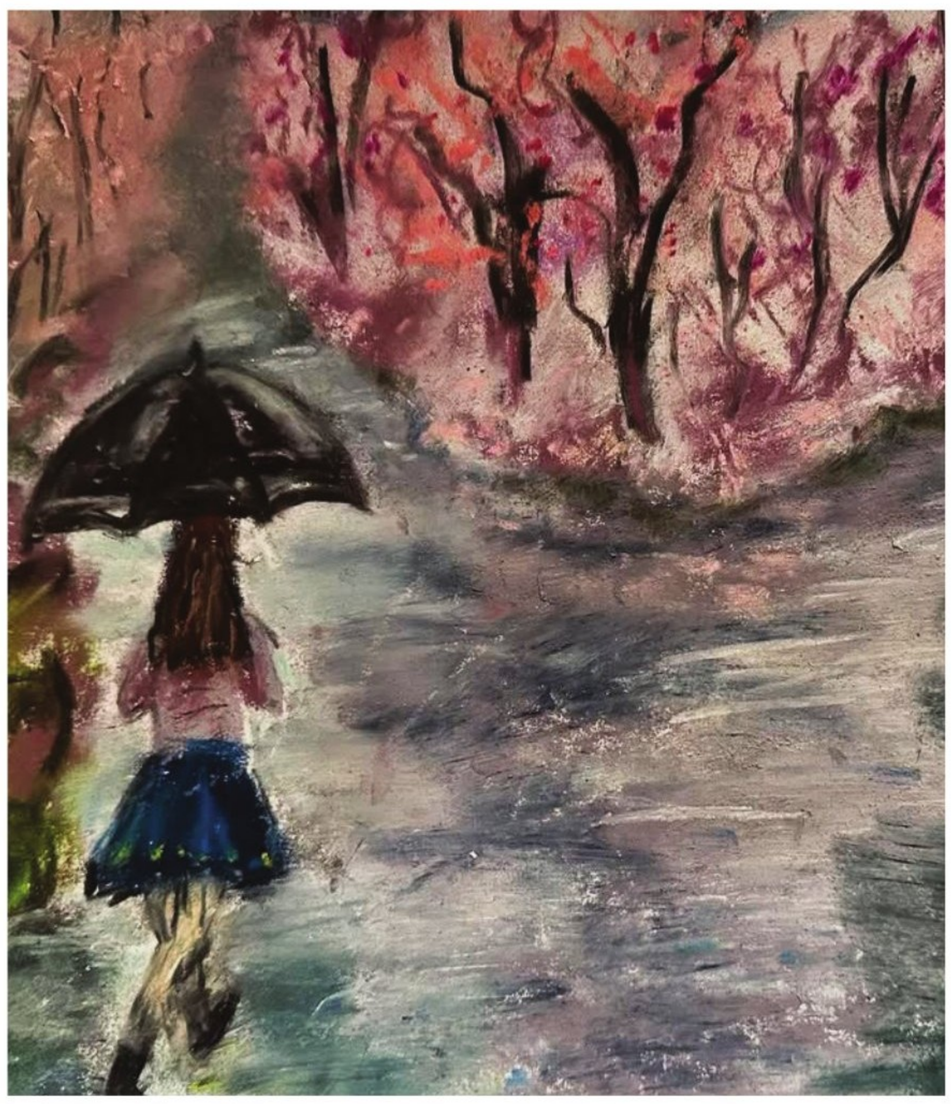
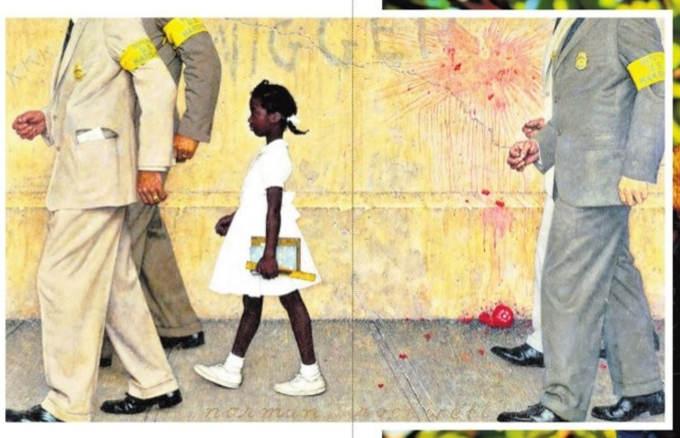


REVISITING JAPAN

Artist Pavni Diwanji revisits her memories of Japan through a painting that captures a walk in the rain amid blooming cherry blossoms

THE PROBLEM WE ALL LIVE WITH



'The Problem We All Live With', a painting from 1964 by American artist Norman Rockwell, simply depicts a little girl going to school. What could be profound about that? Why is the painting considered iconic? The 1960s wasn't just another period and the child wasn't just another girl going to school. She was six-year-old Ruby Bridges, the first African-American child to attend an all-white public school in 1960, during the school desegregation crisis. Although her father was initially reluctant, her mother was determined to send her to school even with all the violent threats against her, so that it would be a step forward for all African-American children. US Marshalls escorted her for days and according to a former Federal Marshall, "She showed a lot of courage. She never cried. She didn't whimper. She just marched along like a little soldier, and we're all very very proud of her." And this, despite all the shouting and jeering from the crowds. Rockwell immortalised this moment in his painting, framed to show the heads of the police officers cropped at the shoulders, while focusing only on the brave little girl. On the wall behind her, slurs and a splattered tomato are visible. The artist was also not spared with many accusing him of being a 'race traitor'. When the former US President Barack Obama installed this defining image of the Civil Rights Movement, in the White House in 2011, he told Ruby Bridges, "I think it's fair to say that if it hadn't been for you guys, I might not be here and we wouldn't be looking at this together."

WHEN CHILDREN SPEAK VOLUMES

From the 'Fearless Girl' to the 'Crying Boy', here is a look at artists who used children as subjects to make global statements

JITHA KARTHIKEYAN

THE children of today will make the India of tomorrow"– Jawaharlal Nehru. A nation that understands the value of childhood also ensures its future. Throughout history, artists have depicted childhood to explore varied themes. The image of a child in art has conveyed far stronger messages than those with a hundred painted adults. In the month of Children's Day, here's a look at some impactful artworks.

THE GIRL WITH THE BALLOON

Here is how the graffiti of a child reaching out for a red, heart-shaped balloon by street artist Banksy, rose to become an art history icon. It appeared as a series of stencil murals around London from 2002, with the accompanying message – 'There is always hope'. The balloon was not a mere toy. It was a metaphor for innocence and dreams, and the prayer of hope. The image became so sought-after that pop stars sported tattoos of it and the Eiffel Tower displayed it as a projected image. In 2018, a framed copy was auctioned at Sotheby's and just after the bidding closed, it spontaneously shredded, to everyone's shock. Banksy admitted that he had planted a mechanical device in the frame and even gave it a new name: 'Love Is In The Bin'!

THE CRYING BOY

This baby boy created quite a scare in the 1980s when mass-produced prints of him, by Italian artist Giovanni Bragolin, were labelled as bearing a dreadful curse. It was found that when houses with a copy of the painting burned down, the painting remained intact. Once the tabloids started reporting this as claims by a firefighter, the belief in the curse spread. Stories of the boy having died in a fire and his spirit being trapped in the painting soon circulated. The case was investigated and it was discovered that the prints were treated with varnish that was fire retardant and when the string that held the painting burned, it resulted in the painting falling face down and thus, remained unaffected.

THE FEARLESS GIRL

This little girl, standing tall and confident, is one of the most powerful symbols of women empowerment. Located in New York City before the Stock Exchange, this 4-feet-high girl, sculpted in bronze, carries a plaque that states, 'Know the power of women in leadership. SHE makes a difference.' When the statue was first installed at Wall Street in 2017, it took the city by storm. 'Fearless Girl' by Kristen Visbal, with her hands on her hips and her chin up, was placed facing the iconic 'Charging Bull', a day before International Women's Day, to send out the message of gender diversity in the workplace and to persuade companies to recruit women not only as employees but also to their boards. The sculpture was meant to be displayed only for a week, but as her popularity grew rapidly, she continued to remain for the whole year, until someone raised an outcry loud enough to warrant relocation. The 'Charging Bull' sculptor Arturo Di Modica complained to the city officials that the placement of the 'Fearless Girl' created an impression that she was an opposing force to the Bull and completely changed the context. He found it insulting and his protests eventually led to her being shifted to the current location. A plaque with footprints was left behind where she once stood, to facilitate photo seekers. One of the most influential images today, that embodies the resilience of women through the simple posture of a child, was carefully planned by her creator Visbal who had this to say: "I made sure to keep her features soft. She's not defiant, she's brave, proud and strong, not belligerent."

THE UNFORGETTABLE FACE OF TRAGEDY

Not all images of children symbolise hope and strength. Some of them will always remain as lessons in history. This haunting photograph from the Bhopal Gas Tragedy and its aftermath, will forever shake the collective conscience of the country for generations. The chemical leak that killed almost 22,000 people is a dark blot on humanity and this image serves as a reminder of what human greed and indifference can do to the world.

JUST PLAY

DOOMED GAME OF DICE

THE theme of dice and gambling is a recurrent one in Indian mythology. From the 'Gambler's Lament' in the *Rig Veda*, a great deal of literature is devoted to the dice game – most famously, the *Mahabharata's* dice game that led to the Kurukshetra war. However, while the dice game between the Pandavas and Kauravas had far-reaching consequences, affecting numerous kingdoms and rules, the story of Nala and Damayanti is no less powerful.

One of the best portrayals of this story is by the prominent 16th-century poet-saint Kanakadasa from Karnataka, who emerged as one of the foremost voices of the Haridasa movement – composing devotional songs in simple Kannada and creating literary classics that blend deep philosophy with social commentary.

One of Kanakadasa's major works was *Nalacharitre* (The Story of Nala), based on the famous love story of Nala and Damayanti. In this poem, Kanakadasa includes the game of dice central to Nala's tale and imbues it with moral significance. *Nalacharitre* narrates how King Nala, after winning Damayanti's hand in marriage, loses all his wealth and kingdom in a high-stakes dice game. This gambling episode, drawn from the epic, is not depicted simply as drama, but as a cautionary tale about the capricious nature of luck.

Here is a summary of the story as retold by Kanakadasa: Under Kali's influence, Nala accepted the gamble against his better sense. He heaped up his gold and gems as wagers upon the board and cast the carven dice, unaware they were weighted by doom. With the first throw, he lost a cache of his treasury's gold; with the next, his swiftest horses and mighty elephants. Throw after throw, Pushkara's heap of riches grew taller, while Nala's wealth dwindled like water leaking from a cracked pot.

VINITA SIDHARTHA
The writer is an author and the founder of Kreeda, an organisation reviving traditional games

Seeing disaster unfold, his courtiers and Queen Damayanti implored him: "Stop, my lord! This path leads only to ruin!" But Nala sat transfixed, his ears shut to good counsel, silent as a stone. At length, Nala had nothing left to stake but his kingdom's sovereignty. In despair yet resolve, he consented to wager Nishadha itself on a final cast. Pushkara eagerly accepted – the ultimate prize lay before him. The ivory dice tumbled and sealed their verdict: Nala had lost all.

In the epic, the demon Kali Purusha, who represents adharma (unrighteousness), is the malevolent agent who incites the disastrous dice game. In the original legend, Kali had made a pact to rig the game. Thus, "weighed by doom" isn't mere poetry – the dice are literally cursed to ensure Nala's loss. Kanakadasa highlights that Nala, blinded by fate, had no idea the game was unwinnable. This story serves as a true reminder that luck cannot be controlled, the throw of the dice cannot be controlled, and the future cannot be controlled.

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CHANGE OF NAME
I, **M MUNIRAJA** (Old Name) S/o **Muniramaiah,** aged about 59 years resident of No. 22th Ward, Kateramma Gudi Beedi, Devanahalli Town, Bengaluru Rural-562110, have changed my name to **M MUNIRAJU** (New Name) vide affidavit dated: 15/11/2025 Before Notary **A. Naraya Swamy** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KOPPARTHI RAJA AYYANABABU,** S/o. Kopparthi Naga Venkata Ramakrishna, aged about 39 years, residing at Flat No.D-202, Sri. Amethyst Apartment, Kodigehalli Main Road, Opp. Mayuri Restaurant, Ayyappa Nagar, Bangalore North, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560036. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **'KOPPARTHI VENKATA DHANA NAGA RAGAVENDRA SANTOSH AYYANABABU (VDNRSA BABU KOPPARTHI)'** to **'KOPPARTHI RAJA AYYANABABU'**, vide Affidavit dated 15.11.2025, Sworn before Advocate and Notary P. Anuradha, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **RAJESH DUTT ALIAS RAJESH K DUTT ALIAS RAJESH DUTT .K.N,** S/o Sri K.S. Narasimha Swamy, age 61 years, R/at No. 212, 6th Main, Jayanagar 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore South Taluk, Bengaluru-560 011 do hereby declare that all the names i.e. **RAJESH DUTT, RAJESH K DUTT** and **RAJESH DUTT K N** are one and the same and refers to me only, vide affidavit dated 14th November 2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MAMATHA .N.K** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) ASIF HAJI GAFFAR HADFA,** residing at No.815, 6th Cross, 1st B Main, L N Colony, Yeswanthpura, Bengaluru 560022, have chaged my Name from **(OLD NAME) ASIF HAJI GAFFAR HADFA to (NEW NAME) HADFA ASIF** vide affidavit dated 15-11-2025 sworn befor Notary Chandrakala, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **JIVANSH V.** S/o R. Venkoba Rao, 30 years, R/o:No 83, 2nd Main Road, Pattegarpalya, Behind SHK Kalyanamantappa, Govindaraj Nagar, Bengaluru – 560079. Declare that name **BHASKAR V.** and **JIVANSH V.** all these names are one and the same person and belongs to me. Vide Affidavit Dated 30.10.2025 sworn before Advocate and Notary B. R. Shashikala, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PRASAD D PATIL,** S/o Dattatraya Patil, Age 41 years, Residing at No.304, 7 Hills Paradise, Srinivasapura Cross Bus Stop, Dr. Vishnuvardhana Road, Channasandra, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bengaluru- 98, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **PRASAD PATIL TO PRASAD D PATIL** . vide affidavit dated 15/11/2025 sworn before advocate & Notary Prema Kumari, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SEETHARAM JAVARAIAH** Son of JAVARAIAH, aged about 75 years. Occupation, Retired Employee, residing at No.1116, GURUSRI' Gangubai Hanagal Road, 8th Block. Sir,M.V.Layout, Gidadakonenahalli Bengaluru - 560091, have changed my name from **SEETHARAMU JAVARAIAH** to **SEETHARAM JAVARAIAH,** vide affidavit dated 14/11/2025 sworn to before S.Venkatasubba Reddy Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **K. ANAND KUMAR JAIN.** S/o,D. Kanhaiyalal Jain, 43 years, R/o: 27, Flat No 208, 2nd Floor, 4th Main, 6th Cross, BTM 2nd Stage,Bengaluru –560076.Declare that name 1. **Anand Kanhiyalal Jain** 2. **Anand Kumar Kanhiyalal** 3. **K. Anandakumar** 4. **K. Ananda Kumar** and **K. ANAND KUMAR JAIN**, all these names are one and the same person and belongs to me. Vide Affidavit Dated 14.11.2025 sworn before Advocate and Notary Ramesh J. Solanki, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Ms. SHWETHA TAGGARSI GOWTHAM,** D/o. Mr. Gowtham Taggarsi Anand, aged about 31 years, residing at No.435, 13th Main, 18th Cross, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-560040., do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHWETHA** to **SHWETHA TAGGARSI GOWTHAM** vide Affidavit dated: 16.08.2025, sworn to before Mr. Sateesh T. Kawari, Advocate and Notary Public Govt. of Karnataka, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SUBRAMANIYAM ANNAMALAI, residing at No.3/317 A, Meeanmpalyam, Muduthurai, Coimbatore, Muduthurai, Tamil Nadu - 638459, camping at Bangalore, that I have changed my name from SUBRAMANYAM K A (Old Name) to SUBRAMANIYAM ANNAMALAI (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as SUBRAMANIYAM ANNAMALAI (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 15/11/2025, before Notary MOHAMMED HUSSAIN K, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NIDHI HEGDE,** D/o Naveen Hegde, aged about 22 years, R/at N024, Sugandha, 7/5, 2nd Cross, Patel Munivenkatappa Layout, Uttarahalli Main Road, Bengaluru-560 061, i have changed my name From **NIDHI To NIDHI HEGDE** Before advocate and notary By **PRAKASHA C.**

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I, **Leandra Maria Newcastle,** D/o Elvis Newcastle, aged 27yrs, residing at No.281, 5th Square, Austin Town,Bangalore-560047, have changed my name From **LEANDRA MARIA NEWCASTLE** (old Name) To **LEANDRA KAUR**. (New Name) vide affidavit dated 25.10.2025. before A Notary N.Kanchivaradaraju Bangalore Henceforth, I shall be known as **LEANDRA KAUR** for all purposes.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Mr. RAKESH RANGANATH RAO,** S/o. Mr. Ranganath Dhondu Rao, aged about 39 years, residing at No.225, 7th B Cross, Gruhalakshmi Layout, Nelagedaranahalli, Nagasandra Post, Bengaluru- 560 073., do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **RAKESH** to **RAKESH RANGANATH RAO,** vide Affidavit dated: 06.09.2025, sworn to before Mr. Sateesh T. Kawari, Advocate and Notary Public Govt. of Karnataka, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **FARZANA KHANUM,** W/o Mohamed Afroze, age 43 years, R/o No. 51, Flat No.G4, Sarvamangala Apartment, 1st Main, 7th Cross, Sirsi Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560 018 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **FARAZANA KHANUM** to **FARZANA KHANUM,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **FARZANA KHANUM** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 14th Nov. 2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **BHARATI PATIL** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ANTHONI REKHA BARNAD ALBET** W/o Anthoni, Residing at No 007, DX MAX Apartments, 1st Opposite to NP Factory, Kavalbyrasandra, RT Nagar Post, Bangalore-560032. Have Changed My Name From **ANTHONI REKHA BARNAD ALBET** to **REKHA BARNAD ALBERT ANTHONI.** Vide Affidavit Dated:24-10-25, Sworn before Notary **LEELA,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ABDUL KHADAR KHALEEL** (New name), S/o Abdul Khaleel, R/o Ward No.22, Anekal Town, whose date of birth is 15-04-1982 is here with declare that I have changed my name as **ABDUL KHADAR KHALEEL** from **ABDUL KHADAR** (Old name) hence this affidavit sworn to before notary C.N. Sreekanta Sastry on 13-11-2025 at Anekal.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **DRAUPADI SAHOO**, Mother of JC-415145W Sub Clk (SD) Ramesh Kumar Sahoo Presently residing at VIII-Paik Dholamara, Post-Rayati Dholamara, Teh-Khandapad, Dist-Nayagarh, Odisha-752085. Have changed my name from **DRAUPADI SAHOO** to **DROUPADI SAHOO**. Vide affidavit dated-12-11-25 Notary TV Chandrashekara Reddy Blr.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Mrs. BHAGYA ALIAS BAGAYA ALIAS BAKKIYA .E,** W/o Sri Elaiyaraj @ Raja, age 42 years, R/at No. 1/219, Nadupatti, Elaikadividuthi, Thirumananjeri Post, Karambakkudi Taluk, Tamil Nadu-622 302, presently R/at No. 19/2C, 17th A Cross, 13th Main, JP Nagar 5th Phase, Bangalore-560 078 do hereby declare that all the names i.e. **BHAGYA, BAGAYA** and **BAKKIYA E** are one and the same and refers to me only, vide affidavit dated 14-11-2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B. SUBRAYA KHARVI** at Bangalore.

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CINEMA IS NOT MATHEMATICS: HARI SANTHOSH

The writer, producer, and creative head of Congratulations Brother talks about why he decided to take a back seat and focus on other aspects of cinema

A still from the film

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HARI Santhosh may not be the director of *Congratulations Brother*, but he is its backbone. As a writer, creative head, dialogue writer, Hari Santhosh, who has also backed the film under the Pen N Paper Studios alongside Kallur Cinemas LLP and Screen First Productions, has shaped a film that explores youth, choices, and modern relationships. Directed by debutant Prathap Gandharva, the film releases on November 21.

"Today, getting one girl is challenging. Imagine a youth juggling two," Santhosh says, hinting at the film's central conflict. "We had the story first and were searching for the right title, and *Congratulations Brother*, which is a famous phrase used by politician Zameer Ahmed, fit perfectly. It needed to match the narrative and be memorable. The film is inspired by a true incident."

The spark came from an Instagram post by two women from a foreign country. "We adapted that statement to our culture. It may not fully connect today, but it will in the future. The film highlights both the pros and cons of such relationships, and is told with humour and honesty."

Post *Moggina Manasu*, Santhosh notes, Kannada cinema has rarely explored female friendships. "There's a proverb that two girls cannot be friends, but this film proves it wrong. It's a Gen Z story, fun for youngsters, yet relatable for all."

Rakshith Nag, familiar from TV and theatre, along with Sanjana Doss and newcomer Anusha, play the leads. Santhosh, who directed *Alemari* and has worked in Hindi cinema, talks about returning to Kannada films: "When I came back, the system felt rigid. Today, known faces, pricing, TV rights, and digital deals dominate; however, cinema is not mathematics. Creativity cannot always be fitted into numbers."

He adds, "From the script stage, I had my team, my director, and actors with me. It's a collective effort. Dhruva MB, our music director, who is making his debut, has brought fresh energy, and the support we received within the team has been encouraging."

Despite having directed ten films, Santhosh chose to stay out of the director's chair this time. "I have 45 scripts, including web series. I can't direct everything. Every story deserves proper writing and the right team. Sometimes, contribution means giving someone else the opportunity to bring it to life."

Looking ahead, Santhosh concludes, "Cinema is about stories, collaboration, and finding the right people. That's what makes it meaningful."

A chaotic, youthful ride through Bijapur's streets and soul

A SHARADHAA

UDAALA

Director: Amol Patil

Cast: Pruthvi Shamanur, Hrithika Srinivas and Raja Balawadi, Vadiraj Babaladi, and Biradar

WHAT hits you first in Amol Patil's *Udaala* is the sense that Bijapur itself is alive. Not just as a backdrop, not as something to be admired from a distance, but as a breathing, bustling, occasionally chaotic presence. The fast-paced dialect, the noisy lanes, the roadside eateries, and the way people lean back, argue, or laugh—they all feel observed, not constructed. Every frame seems soaked in the humour and rhythm of North Karnataka. You don't just watch the city; you live in it.

Pakkya (Pruthvi Shamanur) navigates this world with a mix of swagger, innocence, and mischief. An orphan, his life begins and ends with Gol Gumbaz, a monument he worships almost as a deity. His devotion to Bijapur is both comic and touching, like a child who has nowhere else to belong.

A small surprise surrounding the plot of *Udaala* is how Amol Patil introduces the gun factory owned by the don Marthand Saate (Bala Rajawadi). It isn't a typical mass-cinema backdrop; it serves as an odd, ironic center around which the story revolves. In a film that is largely playful, it reminds us that violence, whether accidental or intentional, always leaves an impact.

he story gathers momentum with the presence of Pakkya's childhood friend Paapya (Vadiraj Babaladi). Pakkya enters college with fake certificates and shaky English skills, but his wit is sharp. He may not speak elegantly, but he knows Bijapur's history, its rhythms, and its streets better than anyone, and speaks seven languages.

Then there is Pinky Patil (Hrithika Srinivas), the spark and chaos-maker. Loud, fearless, and unapologetically herself, Pinky is fascinated by guns and adrenaline in a way that turns Pakkya's cautious nature on its head. Where he flinches at the sound of a gun due to childhood trauma, she laughs and pulls him along into mischief. Their comedy and chemistry drives the film, the push-and-pull between fear and daring forming the core of *Udaala*.

Chaos erupts when Pinky uses a homemade gun to scare seniors during a revenge caper. The youthful fun spirals into farce when they mistakenly target Marthand Saate. The mistaken-identity track fuels the comedy, sometimes frantic, sometimes genuinely funny, always grounded in the loud, messy humour of the region.

Amol Patil threads quieter emotional strands too. A subplot about a childless couple, where the husband hides a fragile ego beneath a calm exterior, mirrors Pakkya's own yearning for connection. Even amid chaos, these small human truths add weight, making the story feel lived-in and layered. The gun factory, which could have been a mere prop, becomes almost a character itself, highlighting the dangers and consequences of violence in contrast to youthful recklessness. Pruthvi Shamanur brings Pakkya to life with effortless charm, energy, and grounded innocence, convincingly embodying a local youth. His dances, fights, romances, and humour feel spontaneous and natural, making him both entertaining and authentically rooted in his character and to the place.

RATING 3/5

Hrithika Srinivas as Pinky Patil matches him scene for scene, fearless, unpredictable, and utterly captivating. The supporting cast, with their fast chatter, street-smart moves, and chaos-inducing antics, adds further North Karnataka flavour. The music, laced with the land's rhythm, and the cinematography, which places Gol Gumbaz at the heart of the visual narrative, make Bijapur not just a location but a character.

Udaala belongs to a lineage of films that make locality as compelling as the story, like *Thithi*, *Sairat*, *Angamaly Diaries*, and *Fandry*. The region's heat, dialect, and texture become inseparable from the narrative. At times, *Udaala* leans too heavily into chaos, letting energy overshadow nuance. But the film's spirit never falters. Patil captures North Karnataka's soul, the dust, the laughter, the dialect with authenticity, and his leads navigate it effortlessly.

Udaala is messy, vibrant, and unapologetically local. Love clashes with ego, humour meets fear, and youth faces unexpected consequences. For anyone craving a taste of pucca North Karnataka, this ride delivers fully.

SS Rajamouli, Mahesh Babu film titled *Varanasi*

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EARLIER codenamed Globetrotter, SS Rajamouli's ambitious film with Mahesh Babu finally has an official title. On Saturday, along with a first look glimpse, it was announced that the film has been titled *Varanasi*. Priyanka Chopra and Prithviraj Sukumaran are also part of the ensemble cast.

The title announcement took place at a grand launch event in Ramoji Film City in Hyderabad on Saturday. The glimpse also hints at the film being a time-travel adventure. Marking the first collaboration between Mahesh Babu and Rajamouli, the film has the actor playing a character named Rudhra. Produced by KL Narayana and SS Karthikeya under the Sri Durga Arts and Showing Business banners, respectively. *Varanasi* has music composed by MM Keeravani, who last collaborated with the director in the 2022 film, *RRR*. The composer won the Oscar for Best Original Song for 'Naatu Naatu' in *RRR*. While details regarding the rest of the cast and crew are yet to be announced, the makers of *Varanasi* are currently eyeing a 2027 release.

Sanchii's *Mango Pachcha* to light up the screens this Sankranti

A still from the film

CE FEATURES

THE year 2026 will see a notable debut, as Sanchii, the nephew of Kichcha Sudeep, prepares for his silver-screen introduction with *Mango Pachcha*. The film has been officially slated for a Sankranti release on January 15. The festival release is set to showcase the young debutant's connection to Kannada cinema and his hometown roots.

The film's teaser, along with its retro styling, has already generated interest among viewers. Sanchii is the third-generation entrant from one of the most celebrated film families of Kannada cinema. After grandfather Sanjeev, a noted producer and distibutor, and Sudeep, who is a leading star across India, Sanchii is set to take his first steps as an actor in Sandalwood.

Sanchii and Vivek

Interestingly, in recent years, Sankranti has largely been dominated by big-budget films from other languages, leaving limited space for local cinema. *Mango Pachcha* aims to bring Kannada cinema back into the spotlight, marking a festival release for the industry. The film has also attracted attention for selling its audio rights to Saregama music label for ₹1.2 crore, a notable achievement for a debutant, with hopes that it may set new benchmarks at the box office.

Directed by Vivek, *Mango Pachcha*, backed by Supriyanvi Studios and KRG Studios, is a crime thriller set in Mysuru, spanning events from 2001 to 2011. Largely shot in the city, it captures Mysuru's authentic flavour while presenting a tense, engaging narrative. Kajal Kundar plays the female lead and the film also features a vibrant ensemble including Mayur Patel, Bhavana, Hamsa, Harini Srikant, Jai Gopinath, and Prashanth Hiremath. Cinematography is by Shekar Chandra, with music composed by Charan Raj. The film features high-octane action sequences choreographed by Ravivarma and Satish, and a melodious dance number choreographed by E Harsha.

Euphoria season 3 wraps filming

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HBO's *Euphoria* has officially wrapped production on its highly anticipated third season, marking the end of a nine-month shoot that began in February. The update came courtesy of *Sydney Sweeney*, who revealed the milestone during the *Christy* panel at an event.

A guarded Sweeney did not reveal much about the third season but said that the production has concluded. Season 3 is set to premiere in 2026, arriving more than four years after the second season concluded in early 2022. The upcoming instalment features eight episodes and brings back one of television's most star-studded ensembles.

This political film bridges messaging and entertainment

A SHARADHAA

JAI

Director: Roopesh Shetty

Cast: Roopesh Shetty, Suniel Shetty, Raj Deepak Shetty, Adhvithi Shetty, and Naveen D Padil

ROOPESH Shetty's new Tulu and Kannada drama, *Jai*, arrives like a message from a coastline that has long learned to fight for its own survival. Set in the heart of Coastal Karnataka and told in the flavour of the Tulu dialect, the film captures small-town politics with all its struggles: bridges that don't exist, hospitals too far to reach, and leaders who know how to smile for a camera but not deliver on their promises. However, due to pacing issues, the story loses some of its impact.

In the heart of this rural political pulse is Satya (Roopesh Shetty), an intelligent, sharp-tongued young man who has grown up believing loyalty is currency. The son of Simhabettu's school principal (Naveen D Padil), Satya has spent years saying "*Jai*" to his local strongman, MLA Vishwanath (Raj Deepak Shetty). Satya runs a kabaddi team, leads protests when instructed, and earns rewards for his unquestioned obedience. He is exactly the kind of young men leaders keep close: useful, loyal, and too busy to question authority.

But life in the town starts falling apart. Pregnant women die on the long journeys to distant hospitals. Elderly residents collapse before they can reach care. The situation becomes painfully personal when Satya's mother faces a problem, and he is helpless. Villagers debate, argue, and curse the lack of a bridge that could have prevented these tragedies. Satya's friends—Antony, the autorickshaw driver, Damanna, the ambulance driver, and a chorus of local chatterboxes—bring humour and warmth to the narrative. Their banter is the pulse of the village but also a mirror of its helplessness.

The story finds its emotional hinge when Satya's parents decide he must be engaged to secure his future. Satya, however, is distracted, mostly by TV presenter Shravya (Adhvithi Shetty). Whether she chooses him, or whether he learns the prioritise his life over politics remains a running thread that keeps the narrative light yet meaningful.

The stakes rise when the villagers finally demand what they have been denied: a bridge. What unfolds will feel familiar to anyone who knows coastal politics, where promises arrive at dusk and denials at dawn. The MLA rejects the demand, focusing instead on business deals for a bigger setup, only to return during elections with his entourage, loudspeakers, and a new set of assurances. Then comes the wildcard: Suniel Shetty, playing himself, a celebrity whose words carry surprising weight in rural coastal towns. His entry is brief but meaningful. He explains the importance of voting with clarity, the need for life-saving infrastructure, and the responsibility citizens must demand from their leaders. The film's sharpest line about leaders treating people as vote-mules and not humans comes through him.

The film works best when it stays rooted in its soil, and deals with the politics of loyalty, the networks of right-hand men, and the activists who realise, often too late, that life is not about living happily alone but about ensuring everyone survives together. Roopesh's direction is sincere, avoiding the glorification of either the hero or the system. His message is blunt: vote honestly, resist the lure of money or gender politics, and protect the culture that holds a village together.

However, not everything lands. Coastal comedy, driven by Aravind Bolar, Bhojaraj Vamanajoor and others, often slips into exaggeration. A few sequences are unnecessarily long, draining momentum. A tighter screenplay and more cinematic rhythm could have made the film stronger.

RATING 2.5/5

Still, what stands out is honesty. Roopesh, capitalising on his Bigg Boss fame, transitions into the director's chair, and treats the coastline story with respect. With an intimidating Raj Deepak Shetty, a charming Adhvithi, and Suniel Shetty's grounded cameo, the film becomes more than a rural drama. It becomes a reminder that development is not a slogan but an obligation. As a Tulu film with a Kannada reach, *Jai* succeeds to a good extent. For those from the coast, it feels unmistakably real.

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Spirit of Unification

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Karnataka Rajyotsava, celebrated on November 1 and throughout the month, marks the 1956 unification of Kannada-speaking regions into the State of Mysore, now Karnataka. This historic event symbolises unity in diversity, celebrating the state's rich culture, language, and shared vision of progress that continues to inspire generations of Kannadigas.

1 November 1956 was a historic day for Kannadigas. It was on this day that the unification of the Kannada-speaking regions was realised. President Rajendra Prasad inaugurated the new State of Mysore in Bangalore by pressing a button that illuminated a grand map of the newly formed state.

Following the invocation, the renowned vocalist P. Kalinga Rao sang Udayavagali Namma Cheluva Kannada Nadu, the beloved Kannada anthem. The President then presented Rs. 1,000 to Huilgol Narayan Rao, who had composed the song as early as 1924, and Rs. 500 to P. Kalinga Rao, who had set it to a fitting tune and popularised it.

Subsequently, Jayachamarajendra Wodeyar was sworn in as the new Governor of the state, and S. Nijalingappa as the Chief Minister.

Ever since, with its renewed spirit of unity, this day has stood as a reminder that togetherness is not a static state but a continuous endeavour. To preserve this unity, one must not think of it as an enchanted garden for repose; rather, it is a necessary ascent towards the highest peak, where each generation must clasp hands and climb a step together. The summit may be distant, yet the act of holding hands in pursuit of a shared purpose is what shapes a society into one that is stronger and more mature.

In this united journey towards a better society, the question that truly matters is not what the state can do for us, nor what we can do for the state, but how we can assist the state by being responsible citizens - working collectively to achieve our goals in an organised manner while safeguarding our unity.

After all, the state has been our home for generations - built inch by inch, driven by the dream that each day's effort will, in time, make a difference for the generations to come.

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Celebrating Karnataka: Month-Long Rajyotsava Marks State Formation and Kannada Heritage

Karnataka celebrated Rajyotsava throughout November 2025 with a series of events across the state, marking its formation and paying tribute to the Kannada language, culture, and heritage. The celebrations, which spanned the entire month, commemorated the merger of Kannada-speaking regions into the Mysore State in 1956 -- later renamed Karnataka in 1973 -- and highlighted the state's unity and rich traditions. Government officials, including CM Siddaramaiah, D.K. Shivakumar, K.J. George, H.K. Patil, joined citizens, students, and communities in cultural programmes, processions, and performances, making it a vibrant and inclusive observance.

Karnataka Rajyotsava 2025 was celebrated on 1 November with great pride and enthusiasm, marking the state's formation and honouring the Kannada language, culture, and heritage. The day commemorated the merger of Kannada-speaking regions into the Mysore State in 1956, later renamed Karnataka in 1973, symbolising unity beyond boundaries.

The celebrations featured the hoisting of both the National Flag and Karnataka's state flag, accompanied by the singing of the national anthem and the state anthem "Jaya Bharatha Jananiya Tanujate." Cultural events were held nationwide, including processions with tableaux showcasing Karnataka's rich heritage and the centenary celebration of the state anthem, as in Mysuru. Various performing arts highlights included traditional dances, music, and student performances emphasising Karnataka's cultural diversity and pride.

Government officials and community members participated actively, including Siddaramaiah, D.K. Shivakumar, K.J. George, and H.K. Patil, with speeches reflecting on the state's rich traditions, history, and the importance of preserving the Kannada language and identity. The festivities extended to schools, colleges, offices, and overseas Kannadiga communities, making it a day of unity and cultural celebration. Public offices remained closed to allow full participation.

Overall, Karnataka Rajyotsava 2025 was a colourful, vibrant event that emphasised Karnataka's unity, diversity, and cultural richness, filled with patriotic fervour and joyous observance across the state and beyond.

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ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಕೃಷಿ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯ ಮತ್ತು ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನಗಳ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯಗಳಿಂದ ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕಗೊಂಡು ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗ ಕೃಷಿ ಮತ್ತು ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನಗಳ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯವು ರಚನೆಗೊಂಡು 1ನೇ ಏಪ್ರಿಲ್, 2013 ರಿಂದ ಸ್ವತಂತ್ರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿದೆ. ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ, ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ, ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು, ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ಕನ್ನಡ ಮತ್ತು ಉಡುಪಿ ಈ ಆರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗಳ ಆಡಳಿತ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿ ಹೊಂದಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಪ್ರಸ್ತುತ ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗ ಕೃಷಿ ಮಹಾವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಮೂಡಿಗೆರೆ ಮತ್ತು ಹಿರಿಯೂರಿನ ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ ಮಹಾವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಇರುವಕ್ಕಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೃಷಿ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನಗಳ ಮಹಾವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯ ಹಾಗೂ ಒಂದು ಡಿಪ್ಲೋಮಾ ಕೃಷಿ ಕಾಲೇಜನ್ನು ಬ್ರಹ್ಮಾವರದಲ್ಲಿ ಹೊಂದಿದೆ. 4 ವಲಯ ಸಂಶೋಧನಾ ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳು, 1 ಮುಖ್ಯ ಸಂಶೋಧನಾ ಕೇಂದ್ರ, 8 ಕೃಷಿ ಮತ್ತು ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ ಸಂಶೋಧನಾ ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ 4 ಕೃಷಿ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನ ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳು, 1 ವಿಸ್ತರಣಾ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಘಟಕ ಮತ್ತು 2 ವಿಸ್ತರಣಾ ಘಟಕಗಳು ಈ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯದ ಅಧೀನದಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾರ್ಯ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿವೆ. ಈ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯವು ಕೃಷಿ, ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ ಮತ್ತು ಅರಣ್ಯ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನಗಳನ್ನು ಒಳಗೊಂಡ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಮೊಟ್ಟ ಮೊದಲ ಏಕೈಕ ಸಮಗ್ರ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯವಾಗಿದೆ. ಕೃಷಿ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ, ಸಂಶೋಧನೆ ಮತ್ತು ವಿಸ್ತರಣೆಗಳು ಈ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯದ ಮಾನದಂಡಗಳಾಗಿರುತ್ತವೆ. ಕೆಳದಿ ರಾಜವಂಶದ ಪ್ರಮುಖ ಆಡಳಿತಗಾರರಾದ ಶಿಸ್ತಿನ ಶಿವಪ್ಪನಾಯಕರೆಂದೇ ಹೆಸರಾಗಿರುವ ಇವರು ಕೃಷಿ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಗಣನೀಯ ಸುಧಾರಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ತಂದಿರುವುದನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಿ, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರವು ದಿನಾಂಕ 26-07-2021 ರಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯದ ಹೆಸರನ್ನು ಕೆಳದಿ ಶಿವಪ್ಪನಾಯಕ ಕೃಷಿ ಮತ್ತು ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನಗಳ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯ (ಕೆ.ಶಿ.ನಾ.ಕೃ.ತೋ.ವಿ.ವಿ.) ಎಂದು ಮರುನಾಮಕರಣ ಮಾಡಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯವು ತನ್ನನ್ನು ತಾನು "ಜ್ಞಾನದ ಬೆಳಕಾಗಿ" ಪರಿವರ್ತಿಸುವ ದೃಷ್ಟಿಕೋನ ಹೊಂದಿದೆ. ಕೆ.ಶಿ.ನಾ.ಕೃ.ತೋ.ವಿ.ವಿ.ದ ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಕಛೇರಿಯು ಇರುವಕ್ಕಿಯಲ್ಲಿದೆ. ಇದು ವಿಶ್ವಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ವಿಶ್ವ ಪರಂಪರೆಯ ಕೇಂದ್ರದ ಮಧ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಹಸಿರು ಆವರಣದಲ್ಲಿದ್ದು, ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಸಾಗರ ತಾಲೂಕಿನಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಜೈವಿಕ ವೈವಿಧ್ಯತೆಯ ಹಾಟ್ ಸ್ಪಾಟ್ ಕೇಂದ್ರವಾಗಿದೆ.

ದೂರದೃಷ್ಟಿ

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- ಕೃಷಿ, ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ, ಅರಣ್ಯ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಂಬಂಧಿತ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನಗಳ ವಿವಿಧ ವಿಭಾಗಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ನುರಿತ ಮಾನವ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲವನ್ನು ತಯಾರಿಸಲು ಉನ್ನತ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ನೀಡುವುದು.
- ಕೃಷಿ, ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ, ಅರಣ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಸಂಬಂಧಿತ ಇತರ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಶೋಧನೆ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳುವುದರ ಮೂಲಕ ತಿಳುವಳಿಕೆಯ ಮಟ್ಟವನ್ನು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಸುವುದು.
- ಸುಧಾರಿತ ಕೃಷಿ ತಂತ್ರಜ್ಞಾನಗಳನ್ನು ವಿಶೇಷವಾಗಿ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಜನರಿಗೆ ವಿಸ್ತರಣಾ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣದ ಮೂಲಕ ತಲುಪಿಸುವುದು.
- ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ, ಅಂತಾರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ಸಂಶೋಧನಾ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಕೃಷಿ ಆಧಾರಿತ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕೆ / ಉದ್ದಿಮೆಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಪಾಲುದಾರಿಕೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಮನ್ವಯತೆಯನ್ನು ಸಾಧಿಸುವುದು.
- ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯದ ವಿವಿಧ ವಿಭಾಗಗಳಲ್ಲಿ 26 ಸ್ನಾತಕೋತ್ತರ ಪದವಿ ಹಾಗೂ 11 ಪಿ.ಹೆಚ್.ಡಿ. ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊಸದಾಗಿ 2024-25 ನೇ ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ವರ್ಷದಿಂದ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಂಶೋಧನಾ ಒಡಂಬಡಿಕೆಗಳು

ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯವು ಒಟ್ಟು 99 ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಂಶೋಧನಾ ಒಡಂಬಡಿಕೆಗಳನ್ನು ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತರರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಹೊಂದಿದೆ.

ಸಂಯೋಜಿತ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ

ಇತ್ತೀಚೆಗೆ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯ ತನ್ನ ಆಡಳಿತ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿನ 2 ವಿದ್ಯಾ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಯೋಜಿತ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ ಎಂದು ಮಂಜೂರಾತಿ ನೀಡಿದೆ.

Dr. R.C. Jagadeesha
Hon'ble Vice Chancellor

ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಸಲಾಗುವ ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳು

ಕ್ರ ಸಂ.	ಮಹಾವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯ	ಸ್ನಾತಕ ಪದವಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ	ಸ್ನಾತಕೋತ್ತರ ಪದವಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ	ಪಿಎಚ್.ಡಿ. ಪದವಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ
1	ಕೃಷಿ ಮಹಾವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯ ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗ (ನವಿಲೆ ಆವರಣ)	ಬಿ.ಎಸ್ಸಿ. ಆನರ್ಸ್ (ಕೃಷಿ)	ಸ್ನಾತಕೋತ್ತರ ಪದವಿ-ಕೃಷಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೀಟಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ, ಕೃಷಿ ವಿಸ್ತರಣೆ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ, ಬೇಸಾಯಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ, ಅನುವಂಶಿಕತೆ ಮತ್ತು ಸಸ್ಯತಳಿ, ಸಸ್ಯ ರೋಗಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ, ಮಣ್ಣು ವಿಜ್ಞಾನ, ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ	ಪಿಎಚ್.ಡಿ. ಪದವಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೀಟಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ, ಬೇಸಾಯ ಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ, ಅನುವಂಶಿಕತೆ & ಸಸ್ಯತಳಿ, ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ, ಸಸ್ಯ ರೋಗಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ, ಮಣ್ಣು ವಿಜ್ಞಾನ
2	ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ ಮಹಾವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯ ಮೂಡಿಗೆರೆ	ಬಿ.ಎಸ್ಸಿ. (ಆನರ್ಸ್) ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ	ಸ್ನಾತಕೋತ್ತರ ಪದವಿ – ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹಣ್ಣು ವಿಜ್ಞಾನ, ಪುಷ್ಪ ಕೃಷಿ ಮತ್ತು ಉದ್ಯಾನ, ಪ್ಲಾಂಟೇಶನ್, ಸಾಂಬಾರು, ಔಷಧೀಯ ಸಸ್ಯಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಸುಗಂಧ ದ್ರವ್ಯಗಳ ಬೆಳೆಗಳು, ತರಕಾರಿ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನ, ಕೊಯ್ಲೋತ್ತರ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕತೆ	–
3	ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ ಮಹಾವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯ ಹಿರಿಯೂರು	ಬಿ.ಎಸ್ಸಿ. (ಆನರ್ಸ್) ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ	–	–
4	ಕೃಷಿ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನಗಳ ಮಹಾವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಇರುವಕ್ಕಿ	ಬಿ.ಎಸ್ಸಿ. (ಆನರ್ಸ್) ಕೃಷಿ & ಬಿ.ಎಸ್ಸಿ. (ಆನರ್ಸ್) ಅರಣ್ಯ	ಕೃಷಿ ಅರ್ಥಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ, ಕೃಷಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯಾಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ, ಕೃಷಿ ಸೂಕ್ಷ್ಮ ಜೀವಿಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ, ಆಣ್ವಿಕ ಜೀವಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ ಮತ್ತು ಜೈವಿಕ ತಂತ್ರಜ್ಞಾನ, ಆಹಾರ ಮತ್ತು ಪೋಷಣೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಕೊಯ್ಲೋತ್ತರ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ	
5	ಕೃಷಿ ಕಾಲೇಜು, ಬ್ರಹ್ಮಾವರ	ಎರಡು ವರ್ಷದ ಕೃಷಿ ಡಿಪ್ಲೊಮಾ		

ಸಾಧನೆಗಳು

- ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯದ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಮಹಾವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಆರನೇ ಡೀನ್ ಸಮಿತಿ ವರದಿಯನ್ನು ಯಶಸ್ವಿಯಾಗಿ ಜಾರಿಗೊಳಿಸಿ, ವೇಳಾಪಟ್ಟಿಯಂತೆ ದೀಕ್ಷಾರಂಭ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.
- ದಿನಾಂಕ 22-01-2025 ರಂದು ನಡೆದ ಒಂಬತ್ತನೇ ಘಟಿಕೋತ್ಸವದಲ್ಲಿ ಒಟ್ಟು 994 (793 ಸ್ನಾತಕ, 176 ಸ್ನಾತಕೋತ್ತರ ಹಾಗೂ 25 ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಪಿ.ಹೆಚ್.ಡಿ.) ಪದವಿ ಪಡೆದಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಒಟ್ಟು 117 ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು 38 ಚಿನ್ನದ ಪದಕಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆದಿದ್ದಾರೆ.
- ನಮ್ಮ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯದ ಇಬ್ಬರು ಸ್ನಾತಕೋತ್ತರ ಪದವಿ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಅಖಿಲ ಭಾರತ ICAR-SRF ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಯಲ್ಲಿ, ಸ್ನಾತಕ ಪದವಿಯ 40 ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಅಖಿಲ ಭಾರತ ICAR-JRF ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಯಲ್ಲಿ, 49 ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು NTS(PG) (ಸ್ನಾತಕೋತ್ತರ) ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಉತ್ತೀರ್ಣರಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಇವರೆಲ್ಲರೂ 2024-25ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ವರ್ಷಕ್ಕೆ ತಮ್ಮ ಪಿಎಚ್.ಡಿ ಪದವಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಸ್ನಾತಕೋತ್ತರ ಪದವಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳಿಗೆ ಶಿಷ್ಯವೇತನದೊಂದಿಗೆ ತೇರ್ಗಡೆಯಾಗಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.
- 399 ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಕೃಷಿ ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಉದ್ಯಮಶೀಲತೆ ಮತ್ತು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತೊಡಗಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಇತರೆ ಸರ್ಟಿಫಿಕೇಟ್ ಕೋರ್ಸ್‌ಗಳು

ದೇಸಿ ಡಿಪ್ಲೊಮಾ ಸರ್ಟಿಫಿಕೇಟ್ ಕೋರ್ಸ್ (52 ವಾರಗಳು) ಕೃಷಿ ಪರಿಕರಗಳ ವಿತರಣಾ ಸೇವೆ ಡಿಪ್ಲೊಮಾ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರೆ ಸರ್ಟಿಫಿಕೇಟ್ ಕೋರ್ಸ್‌ಗಳು (10-15 ದಿನಗಳು) – ಸುಸ್ಥಿರ ಜೀವನೋಪಾಯಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಹೈಟೆಕ್ ಅಣಬೆ ಉತ್ಪಾದನಾ ತಂತ್ರಜ್ಞಾನ, ಬೇಕರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಮಿಠಾಯಿ (ಬಿಸ್ಕತ್ತುಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಕೇಕ್ ಗಳು), ಸಮಗ್ರ ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ ನರ್ಸರಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ, ಉದ್ಯಾನ ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ, ಅಧಿಕ ಮೌಲ್ಯದ ತರಕಾರಿ ಬೆಳೆಗಳ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಿತ ಕೃಷಿ. ಪ್ರಾರಂಭದಿಂದ, ಇದುವರೆಗೂ ಕೃಷಿ (1608), ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ (1527) ಮತ್ತು ಅರಣ್ಯ (624) ವಿವಿಧ ವಿಷಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ನಮ್ಮ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯದಿಂದ ಒಟ್ಟು 3,759 ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಪದವಿ ಪಡೆದಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ, 2,822 ಸ್ನಾತಕ, 840 ಸ್ನಾತಕೋತ್ತರ ಮತ್ತು 97 ಪಿಹೆಚ್.ಡಿ. ಪದವಿಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆದುಕೊಂಡಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಅಸಾಧಾರಣ ಪ್ರತಿಭೆಯಿಂದ ಗುರುತಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು, ಅತ್ಯುತ್ತಮವಾದ ಸಾಧನೆಗೈದ ಸ್ನಾತಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ನಾತಕೋತ್ತರ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಒಟ್ಟು 254 ಚಿನ್ನದ ಪದಕಗಳನ್ನು ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯವು ನೀಡಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಅಲ್ಲದೇ, 133 ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಐಸಿಎಆರ್-ಜೆಆರ್ಎಫ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಮತ್ತು 23 ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಐಸಿಎಆರ್-ಎಸ್ಆರ್ಎಫ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆದುಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

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Spirit of Unification

The Dream of a Unified Land

One fascinating custom in rural North Karnataka involves the creation of "Kavitheya Harakesu" (Oaths of Poetry). Villagers gather in temple courtyards to recite verses that not only honor Karnataka's founders but also promise to teach Kannada to future generations, keeping the language alive even as the world modernises around them.

The roots of Karnataka Rajyotsava trace far before 1956, resonating with the persistent longing of Kannada-speaking communities for a unified state. Though British-era administrative boundaries carved the Kannada homeland among Bombay, Madras, Hyderabad, and Coorg presidencies, the dream of an undivided Karnataka was envisioned as early as 1905 by Aluru Venkata Rao, a humble yet fiery poet-philosopher. His vision for *"Ekikarana"* (unification) was more than geography - it was a call to rescue a shredded linguistic and cultural identity.

Over decades, the *Ekikarana* movement swelled with passion. Students in Dharwad, traders in Hubli, and farmers in Raichur united under the same slogan, even as they faced ridicule and indifference from bigger neighboring powers. Through newspapers, rousing folk theatre, and secret midnight gatherings, they cultivated a sense of Kannada pride -- a movement so powerful that even illiterate village folk would hum newly written Kannada songs on their bullock carts.

A Secret Gathering by the Tungabhadra

One little-known story captures the movement's spirit: In 1942, during the Quit India movement, a group of Kannada activists met secretly beneath the starlit banks of the Tungabhadra River, near present-day Hospet. Official records never chronicled this meeting, yet it's recounted in oral history and old family diaries. They came not merely to plan protests but to imagine a future "Kannada Nadu," free from both colonial and regional administrative divides.

Legend says an itinerant folk singer, Kariyappa Gavai, strummed a one-stringed ektara, weaving verses about a unified land. It is said that his impromptu song ended:

"Let the Tungabhadra unite with Kaveri,Let our language flow free as its waters, May our children read in Kannada, And no border keep us apart..."

Though simple, these words fueled a movement that was peaceful yet persistent, amplifying Kannada identity through stories, theatre, and unstoppable hope.

1956: When Hope Became Statehood

After Indian independence, a wave of linguistic reorganisation swept the subcontinent. The States Reorganisation Act of 1956, a watershed moment, saw the merging of fragmented Kannada-speaking areas - ranging from the dry plains of Bijapur to the lush hills of Coorg -- into the Mysore State. Yet the newly formed state would face a contentious period, as North Karnataka leaders argued the name "Mysore" favoured the southern elite and erased the region's collective aspirations.

It took 17 years of negotiations, powerful student protests, and soul-stirring speeches in the state Assembly to effect a change. On November 1, 1973, Chief Minister Devaraj Urs announced the state would officially be called "Karnataka" -- an ancient word meaning "Lofty Land" -- resonating with both the Deccan's geology and the pride of every Kannadiga.

The Gokak Movement: Defending Kannada's Soul

In the years that followed, the spirit of Rajyotsava faced trials. The Gokak Agitation of the early 1980s saw massive protests demanding that Kannada become the primary language of instruction in schools. Spearheaded by poets, teachers, and the legendary actor Rajkumar, lakhs gathered in town squares throughout the state.

In Bidar and Bellary, schoolchildren fashioned their own red-and-yellow banners from discarded sarees, holding rallies that brought traffic to a standstill. The Gokak Chaluvali was not just a linguistic protest -- it was a fight to preserve a fragile identity against the tides of homogenisation. Victory came when the state government implemented recommendations to make Kannada a mandatory medium of instruction -- proving, once again, the power of unity behind Karnataka's people.

Celebrations Rooted in Memory and Meaning

Karnataka Rajyotsava is today marked by grand parades, the raising of red-and-yellow flags, and the melody of the state anthem "Jaya Bharata Jananiya Tanujate," penned by poet-laureate Kuvempu. However, in the villages, the heart of the celebration remains deeply personal. Elders recall lost ancestral songs, children act out dramatic retellings of the unification, and community theaters stage folk dramas recounting the sacrifices made by unheralded heroes—postmasters who smuggled letters through hostile territories, or ordinary farmers who risked all to support unification rallies.

One fascinating custom in rural North Karnataka involves the creation of *"Kavitheya Harakesu"* (Oaths of Poetry). Villagers gather in temple courtyards to recite verses that not only honor Karnataka's founders but also promise to teach Kannada to future generations, keeping the language alive even as the world modernises around them.

Unsung Legacy and Modern Resonance

Rajyotsava's legacy does not simply rest on history -- it continues to shape the present and future of Karnataka. In 2024, the government mandated that every institution, from tech giants in Bengaluru to remote village schools, hoist the Kannada flag, reaffirming the unbroken thread connecting the past with the present. The annual Rajyotsava Awards honour individuals from every walk of life - writers, sportspersons, conservationists - embodying a concept that reach goes far beyond political borders.

The Enduring Tale: More Than a Date

Karnataka Rajyotsava is not just a public holiday; it is a living, breathing story that is retold and renewed every November. It is the secret meetings by riverbanks, the anonymous poet's verses, the flags hand-stitched by children, and the dreams of a people scattered by history but brought together by hope.

As the state boasts world-class technology parks in Bengaluru and ancient temples in Hampi - Rajyotsava is the golden thread binding past and future, folklore and fact, struggle and celebration. In every red-and-yellow flag fluttering above Karnataka, there lives the song once sung on the banks of the Tungabhadra, echoing the promise of unity and the passion of an undivided Kannada heart.

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78 YEARS OF FRUITFUL SERVICE TO EDUCATION

The National Education Society, Shivamogga, was established in 1946 by freedom fighters of Shivamogga in response to the call given by Mahatma Gandhi to spread education to rural India. The Society was registered during 1948 under the Mysore Societies Registration Act. The first President of the Society was late H.S.Rudrappa who was then the President of Shivamogga District Board and later on became the Agriculture Minister of Karnataka. Among the 110 founder members of the Society were many distinguished personalities like Sri.Kadidal Manjappa who became the Revenue Minister and later the Chief Minister of Karnataka, Sri. H.Siddaiah who became the Revenue Minister and later the Speaker of Karnataka Legislative Assembly, Shri S.V. Krishnamurthy Rao the Member of Parliament and later became the Deputy Speaker of Loksabha,, Sri. Jayateerthachar who became Shivamogga Munciple President and Shri S.R. Nagappa Shetty, a true Gandhian, freedom fighter and the first M.L.A from Shivamogga. NES owes its existence and development to the lifetime efforts of Shri Nagappa Shetty. The tradition of selfless voluntary service to the cause of education initiated by the founders continued in building NES to the current level of excellence with the contributions from leading citizens of Shivamogga like, late Sri Rajagopal Girimaji, Late Sri Dinakar etc.

The first achievement of the Society was the establishment of National High school, Shivamogga., in June 1946. The Government of Mysore granted 4 acres of land in BalrajUrs Road, Shivamogga., to the school. Dr.Rajendraprasad, the First President of India, laid the foundation stone of the building in 1949. The school had the good fortune to be visited by the Philosopher Educationist Dr.S.Radhakrishnan, the then Vice-President of India. Revered Vinobaji stayed for a day in NES High School during his Padayatra in this district.

With this beginning and the blessings of such luminaries, NES has made a slow and steady progress over the years. It always responded to the needs of the time and established the institutions accordingly. The National Education Society as on day is managing 36 educational institutions. There are more than 17,000 students studying in various institutions of NES. NES has under its umbrella such diversified and prestigious institutions like Engineering College, Pharmacy College, Law College, CBSE School, ICSE residential school. In Engineering College complex alone there are around 4000 students studying U G and PG courses in Engineering, MBA, MCA etc. Engineering college is ranked one in 10 in the State and on all India ranking stands at 57th place. The student's placement record is also good even in recession periods. In Pharmacy College, consistently placement is almost 100%. NES is maintaining separate hostels for boys and girls wherein Boarding and Lodging facilities are provided at a very reasonable cost.

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1	National P.U.College, (High School Section) Shivamogga.	1946
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4	National P.U College (High School section), Konandur	1960
5	National P.U. College(High School section), B.R.Project	1962
6	Jayaprakash Narayan P.U.College(High School section), Shivamogga	1963
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8	National High School, Chilur.	1964
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11	Sri. Padmamba National High School, Humcha	1965
12	Kamala Nehru Memorial National College for Women, Shivamogga	1966
13	Acharya Tulsi National College of Commerce, Shivamogga.	1966
14	C. Bhimasen Rao National College of Law, Shimogga	1968
15	National College of Pharmacy Shivamogga	1967
16	Sharavathi National High School, Harige. Shivamogga	1969
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18	Kasturba Girls P.U.College(College section),Shivamogga	1972
19	National Junior College(College section), Konandur.	1972
20	J.N.N. College of Engineering Shivamogga	1980
21	National P.U. College (College section), B.R.Project.	1983
22	Sharavathi First Grade National College, Konandur.	1983
23	National Lower Primary School, Shivamogga	1983
24	Jayaprakash Narayan P.U. College(College section), Shivamogga	1986
25	S.R.N.Memorial National College of Applied Sciences, Shivamogga	1994
26	Sri. Thirthalingeshwara National P.U.College, Belagutti,	1994
27	National Residential School, Konandur	2000
28	National Public School, Shivamogga.	2008
29	NES Institute of Advance Studies	2009
30	Kadidal Manjappa National Institute of Post Graduate Studies, (M.Com), Shivamogga.	2011
31	National Secondary English Medium School, Gundappa Shed, Shivamogga	2012
32	Acharya Tulsi National Evening College of Commerce, Shivamogga.	2018
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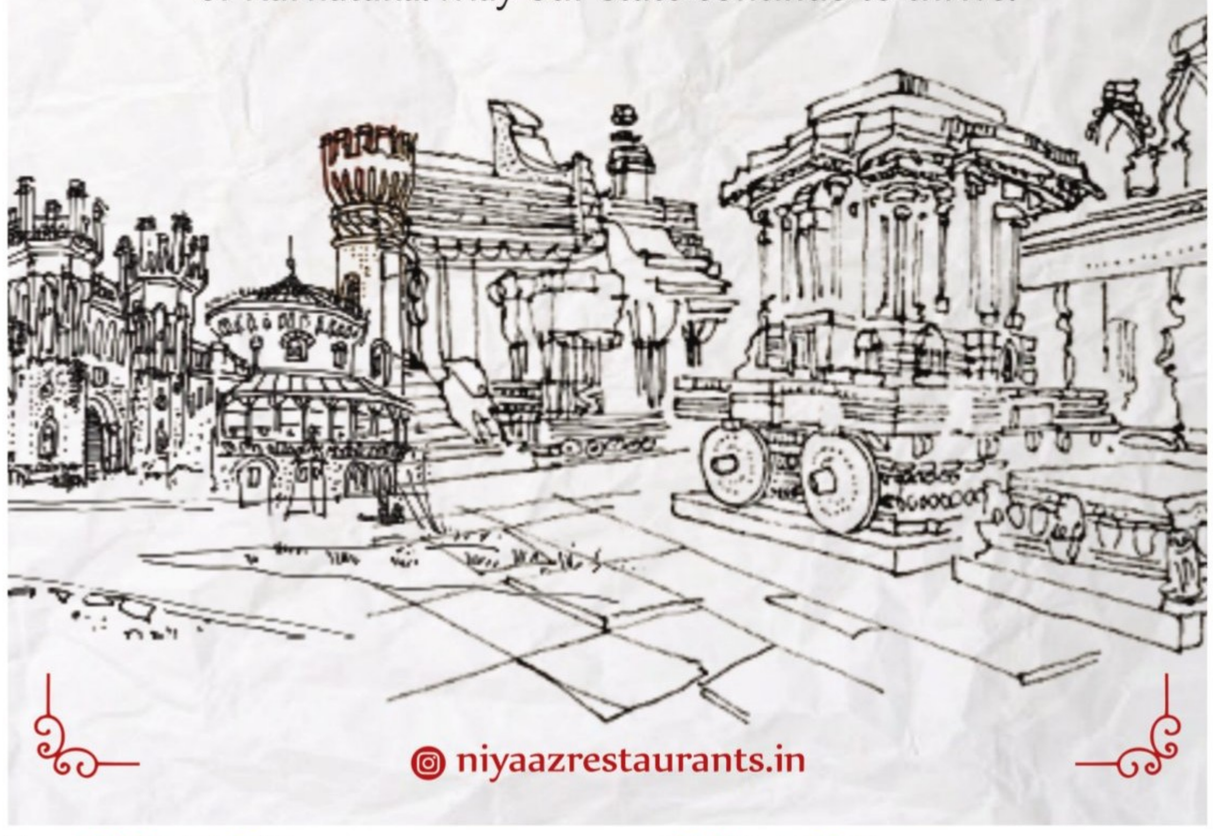

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The Karnatak Vidyavardhaka Sangha was an institution established on 20 July 1890 by R H Deshpande in Dharwad which was then under the British rule of Bombay Presidency. This institution was established with the sole objective of promoting Kannada culture and language in times when the Kannada speaking regions of present day Karnataka were split into six different areas, where Kannada was often overshadowed by other languages. Soon the Sangha morphed into a hub for the Karnataka Ekikarana (Unification) movement and played a pivotal role in the eventual unification of Karnataka. It inspired the establishment of several institutions and organisations across the state.

The Sangha organised the first conference of Kannada writers in Dharwad in 1905. This was the precursor of the present-day Kannada Sahitya Sammelan (annual literary conference). In 1912, when Sir Mokshagundam Vishweshwaraiah became the Diwan of Mysore, Deshpande who knew him intimately, wrote him a letter congratulating him on his appointment and further requested him to foster more attention on the development of the Kannada language and culture.

The name of Vidyavardhak Sangha often flashes itself upon any reference of Karnataka unification and Kannada language.

Its immense contribution towards the unification of Karnataka state is undoubtedly supreme.

After the downfall of the Vijayanagara Empire, through the period of British rule, Karnataka was divided into six parts, namely Bombay Karnataka, Hyderabad Karnataka, Madras Karnataka, Coorg, Mysore and smaller princely states like Mudhol, Jamkhandi, Savanur etc.

The result was that the Kannada culture and language in these areas were eclipsed by other cultures. For example, in the four districts of Dharwad, Belgaum, North Kanara and Bijapur districts that comprised Bombay Karnataka, Kannada culture and language had suffered severe setbacks due to prolonged Maratha rule.

When the British introduced their system of education in this area, they were under the impression that these districts were part of Maharashtra and started Marathi schools there. Walter Elliott, Deputy Collector of Dharwad, soon found that the language of the people was Kannada, but Marathi was imposed upon them.

Out of sympathy for the Kannada people and his knowledge of Kannada, Elliot started Kannada schools in Dharwad around 1830. Balashastri Jambhekar, an education officer of the Bombay Government, also felt that the since the language of the people was Kannada, there should be Kannada schools in these four districts.

A determined effort to establish Kannada schools was made by W. A. Russell, who after serving as Professor in the Deccan College at Pune, was appointed as Educational Inspector of the Southern Division of the Bombay Province.

To Russell's amazement, he found that there were not a sufficient number of persons who could teach Kannada effectively. He induced officers in other departments of the Bombay Government who were Kannadigas and who knew Kannada sufficiently to join the Education Department.

Among them were Deputy Chennabasappa, Gangadhara Madivaleshwara Turumari, Srinivas Rodda, Bhujangarao Huilgol, Venkatarangu Katti and others.

When R. H. Deshpande, who was studying in the Deccan college, passed his M.A. examination with a gold medal in 1884, Russell persuaded him to join the Education department and assured him that he would, with his stellar academic career, soon replace him as the Inspector of the Southern Division.

True to his word, Russell promoted Deshpande as deputy inspector of Karwar within a few months of his joining Sardar High School in Belgaum. However, Russell was subsequently shifted from his post and in his place a Marathi officer was posted.

For the next 25 years, three Marathi officers ruled over the Bombay Karnataka area and introduced Marathi in the Kannada schools. Deshpande naturally resented this and decided to revolt against this foisting of Marathi on Kannada children, but as a Government servant, there were restrictions on what he could do.

He took shelter under the British policy of encouraging education in the vernacular language and decided to establish a Sangha for the protection of Kannada and the Unification of the Karnataka areas. Thus the Karnataka Vidyavardhaka Sangha came into being on 20 July 1890.

Charter of the Sangha

The first charter of the new body was to publish books in Kannada.

Kannada could live and thrive only through books and journals so the Sangha brought out its first publication two years after it was established and then came the first Kannada literary and cultural journal Vagabhushana.

Since Kannada was the mother tongue of the rulers of Mysore, Deshpande enlisted the support of the Maharaja of Mysore, Chamaraja Wodeyar for the Sangha.

The Government of Mysore used to send its scholars to conduct Kannada exams which the Sangha used to hold periodically. It also gave money for the construction of a building for the Sangha which was appropriately named as Chamaraja Mandira.

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Deshpande who knew him intimately, wrote him a letter congratulating him on his appointment and further requested him to foster more attention on the development of the Kannada language and culture.

As a result, Mysore convened the first conference of Kannada writers from all parts of the country in Bangalore in 1915. The conference decided among other things to establish the Kannada Sahitya Parishat on the lines of the Karnataka Vidyavardhak Sangha.

Deshpande and Justice R.A. Jagirdar (later the first Vice Chancellor of Karnataka University), served on a committee appointed by the conference to draft the constitution of the Kannada Sahitya Parishat. Thus came into being yet another organization working for the welfare of the Kannada country as a whole.

Resolution of Unification

Strengthened by these developments, the Karnatak Vidhyavardhak Sangha at its meeting on 7 October 1917 passed a resolution urging the Government of India to bring under one administrative unit all the Kannada towns, talukas and districts then under the British rule and name the unit as the Karnataka province.

This demand was reiterated in 1923 and on 25 February 1935 telegrams were sent to the Viceroy to bring under one administration all Kannada speaking areas.

The Sangha was responsible to a certain extent in the founding of the Karnataka Research Institute in 1937. the Karnataka University in 1949, the All India Radio station at Dharwad in 1950, etc.

FOR THE SAKE OF KANNADA

Karnataka Vidyavardhaka Sangha was a pillar body during many issues and agitations related to Kannada and culture.

The Gokak agitation being one. It was a successful language rights agitation in the 1980s that fought for the first-language status of the Kannada language in the South Indian state of Karnataka.

It was named after the committee headed by Vinayaka Krishna Gokak, which recommended giving primacy to Kannada in state schools.

Karnataka had adopted the three language formula for education in schools since the linguistic reorganization of states in 1956. Strong opposition to Hindi was witnessed in the 1960s and '70s, leading to Kannada speakers leaning towards English.

It also felt that Kannada faced threat from Sanskrit, which was the dominant language in schools, leading to a situation where students could complete their high school education without having to study Kannada. This created a wide incompatibility between languages used for state administration and education in Karnataka. Sanskrit was the first language at the time in Karnataka high schools, making the state language, Kannada, the third choice, with no requirement that students learn the native language of the majority population in high school.

Matters came to a head after a series of changes to the statuses of the various languages. D. Devaraj Urs, chiefminister of the state from 1972 to 1977 and 1978–80, moved Kannada (and other languages) to the first and second language groups, and Sanskrit to the third; when he lost power, in 1980, R. Gundu Rao moved Sanskrit back to the first. The result was widespread protests, and Rao's government set up a committee, headed by Vinayaka Krishna Gokak. The committee published its report in January 1981, and its recommendations included that Sanskrit not be included as a first language, and that Kannada be the only first language taught at the high school level, and that it be mandatory after Class 3 in primary education. A popular uprising supported the conclusions of the report, with actor Rajkumar assuming a leading position. Seven people were killed by police during the protests, but the popular pressure made the government yield and adopt the committee's recommendations.

Many groups from backwards castes supported the agitation, while the middle and upper classes were ambivalent: "They wanted English medium schools for their children but at the same time wanted Karnataka and the Kannada language as an emotional succour". "Prolonged agitation" by those who favored Kannada led to a decision by the Karnataka government in 1982 to accord "first language" status to Kannada, and make its teaching mandatory in primary schools. The order was challenged by linguistic minorities and their educational institutions; the state's High Court struck the order down in 1989.

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ಉದ್ಯೋಗ ಚೀಟಿ ಹೊಂದಿದ ಕುಟುಂಬವು ಜೀವಿತಾವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ರೂ 5.00 ಲಕ್ಷದವರೆಗೆ ನೆರವು ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

- ನರೇಗಾ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ವೈಯಕ್ತಿಕ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಾದ ಜಾನುವಾರು ಶೆಡ್ ಕುರಿ/ಮೇಕೆ/ಕೋಳಿ/ಹಂದಿ ಶೆಡ್ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ • ಮಳೆ ನೀರು ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣೆಗಾಗಿ ಕಂದಕ ಬದು/ಕೃಷಿಹೊಂಡ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ • ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ ಬೆಳೆ ವಿಸ್ತರಣೆ/ರೇಷ್ಮೆ ಬೆಳೆ ವಿಸ್ತರಣೆ • ಎರೆಹುಳು ತೊಟ್ಟಿ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ • ಬಚ್ಚಲು ಗುಂಡಿ/ಇಂಗು ಗುಂಡಿ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ.

ಮಹಾತ್ಮ ಗಾಂಧಿ ನರೇಗಾ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದಾದ ಜಲ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ವಿವರ

ಕೆರೆ, ಕಾಲುವೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ, ಕಲ್ಯಾಣಿ ಪುನಶ್ಚೇತನ, ಚೆಕ್ ಡ್ಯಾಂ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ, ಗೋ ಕಟ್ಟೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ, ಬೋರ್ ವೆಲ್ ರಿಚಾರ್ಜ್ ಪಿಟ್, ಕೃಷಿ ಹೊಂಡ, ಕೃಷಿ ಬಾವಿ, ಬಸಿ ಕಾಲುವೆ, ತೊಟ್ಟಿಲು ಗುಂಡಿ, ಅರಣ್ಯೀಕರಣ ಹಾಗೂ ನರ್ಸರಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ, ಸೋಕ್ ಪಿಟ್ ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರೆ ಜಲ ಮೂಲಗಳ ಪುನಶ್ಚೇತನ

ಮಹಾತ್ಮ ಗಾಂಧಿ ನರೇಗಾ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದಾದ ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಮೂಲ ಸೌಕರ್ಯ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ವಿವರ

ಮಹಾತ್ಮ ಗಾಂಧಿ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಉದ್ಯೋಗ ಖಾತರಿ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಗ್ರಾಮ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಸಂಜೀವಿನಿ ಭವನ, ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಗೋದಾಮು, ಅಂಗನವಾಡಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಕಾಂಕ್ರೀಟ್ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಕಾಂಕ್ರೀಟ್ ಚರಂಡಿ, ಸ್ಮಶಾನ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ, ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು ಇತ್ಯಾದಿ.

ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಶಾಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದಾದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ವಿವರ

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ವಿಶೇಷ ಸೂಚನೆ: ತಾವು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದ ಬೇಡಿಕೆ ಗ್ರಾಮ ಸಬೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅನುಮೋದನೆಗೊಂಡು, ನಿಗದಿತ ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಆಯವ್ಯಯದ ಮಿತಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಹೀರೆಗೌಜ ಗ್ರಾಮ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆರೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ

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THE RED AND YELLOW BANNER
Symbol of Karnataka's Pride and Identity

Among the many symbols that embody Karnataka's rich cultural and linguistic identity, few evoke as much emotion and reverence as the red and yellow flag, the Kannada bicolour. Although it does not hold official recognition from the Government of India, this striking banner has become an enduring emblem of Kannada unity, pride, and cultural assertion. Fluttering from rooftops, vehicles, and public institutions every year on Karnataka Rajyotsava, the state's formation day, it represents not just a colour scheme but an idea: the idea of a people united by language, tradition, and shared history.

The story of this flag is deeply intertwined with the post-independence struggles of Kannada-speaking people to preserve and promote their linguistic and cultural heritage. From its origins in the mid-1960s as a symbol of activism to its contemporary role as an expression of identity, the red and yellow flag continues to hold a cherished place in the hearts of Kannadigas across the world.

Origins and Early History

The origins of the Karnataka flag can be traced back to the mid-1960s, a period marked by linguistic and cultural awakening across India. The States Reorganisation Act of 1956 had led to the formation of the Mysore State, later renamed Karnataka in 1973, uniting various Kannada-speaking regions under a single administrative unit. However, the process of linguistic consolidation was not without challenges. Many Kannadigas felt that their language, culture, and local aspirations were being overshadowed by the influence of other linguistic groups and by the centralising tendencies of the Indian Union.

It was in this climate that Ma Ramamurthy, a prominent Kannada writer, journalist, and activist, conceived of a flag that would embody the pride and unity of the Kannada-speaking people. Ramamurthy was the son of the noted freedom fighter Veerakesari Seetharama Shastri, who had played a key role in the Indian independence movement. Inspired by his father's nationalist ideals, Ramamurthy channelled his energies into regional activism, believing that the preservation of Kannada identity was integral to the larger Indian mosaic.

In 1966, Ramamurthy founded the Kannada Paksha, a political organisation dedicated to promoting the rights and welfare of Kannadigas. During this period, he designed a flag that would serve as the symbol of the movement. His intention was not merely political but also cultural and emotional, to create a rallying emblem that every Kannadiga, regardless of caste, creed, or region, could identify with.

Initially, the proposed design was quite different from the one we know today. The first iteration was a triangular yellow flag featuring a red map of Karnataka and two panicles of paddy, symbolising prosperity and fertility, an allusion to Karnataka's agrarian roots and its moniker as the land of gold. However, activists and artists felt that the design was too elaborate and lacked the simplicity and visual power necessary for mass appeal. After deliberation, the flag was simplified into a rectangular bicolour, horizontally divided into two equal halves, with yellow on top and red below. This became the definitive form, bold, minimalistic, and visually striking.

Although the Kannada Paksha as a political entity eventually faded into obscurity, the flag endured. Its symbolism transcended party lines and was embraced widely by the people. It soon evolved into a de facto cultural emblem, representing not only political aspirations but also linguistic pride, cultural solidarity, and the collective identity of Kannada-speaking communities.

The Symbolism of the Colours

The red and yellow hues of the Karnataka flag are far from arbitrary. Each carries profound cultural and spiritual significance deeply rooted in the traditions and ethos of the land.

Yellow – Arashina (Turmeric)

The upper half of the flag, coloured yellow, represents Arashina or turmeric, an auspicious substance central to Hindu rituals and everyday life in Karnataka. Turmeric symbolises purity, well-being, and prosperity. It is associated with the sanctity of marriage, the blessings of the goddess, and the golden glow of the morning sun. In Karnataka's agrarian and cultural imagination, yellow embodies fertility, abundance, and harmony. It is also seen as a metaphor for the illuminating power of knowledge and cultural enlightenment, the nurturing aspect of Kannada civilisation.

In a broader philosophical sense, yellow represents peace and the desire for collective well-being. It stands for the calm, reflective, and nurturing dimension of the Kannada psyche, a reminder that cultural pride must coexist with tolerance and inclusivity.

Red – Kumkuma (Vermilion)

The lower half of the flag, coloured red, symbolises Kumkuma or vermilion, a sacred pigment representing strength, courage, and sacrifice. Vermilion is traditionally applied to the forehead in religious observances and festivals, signifying spiritual energy and vitality. In the context of the flag, red serves as a tribute to those who sacrificed their lives for the unification of Karnataka, known as Ekikarana, and the protection of its cultural heritage.

It also reflects the dynamism and resilience of the Kannada people, their ability to face adversity with valour and optimism. The juxtaposition of red and yellow therefore conveys a philosophical balance. While yellow embodies peace and prosperity, red symbolises action and courage. Together, they mirror the dual forces of life, harmony and struggle, thought and deed.

Cultural and Spiritual Resonance

Beyond its aesthetic appeal, the Karnataka flag has deep spiritual resonance, intertwined with the worship of Goddess Bhuvaneshwari, the divine mother and protector of the Kannada-speaking people. The goddess is revered as Kannada Maate, the personification of the Kannada land and language. Many Kannadigas view the flag's red and yellow colours as symbolic of the goddess herself. Red represents her strength and protective power, while yellow represents her benevolence and nurturing nature.

The flag is hoisted prominently during Karnataka Rajyotsava, celebrated on 1st November each year to mark the unification of Kannada-speaking regions. On this day, cities and villages across the state are awash with the bicolour, fluttering from government buildings, schools, homes, and vehicles. It is also seen during literary gatherings such as the Kannada Sahitya Sammelana, as well as during cultural festivals, processions, and political rallies.

Over time, the flag has become more than a symbol of regional identity. It has evolved into a banner of emotional solidarity, serving as a unifying thread linking Kannadigas within the state and across the diaspora, from Mumbai to Mangalore and from London to California, wherever the Kannada spirit thrives.

Political and Official Status

Despite its widespread popularity, the red and yellow flag does not hold official recognition as a state flag under the Indian Constitution. The Government of India currently recognises only the Tricolour, the national flag, as the official emblem for the entire nation. Article 51A of the Constitution and the Flag Code of India stipulate that no state may adopt its own flag that might be placed on a par with or above the national flag.

ಶ್ರಮದಿಂದ ಸಮೃದ್ಧಿ – ನರೇಗಾ ಜೊತೆ ಗ್ರಾಮಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ

ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ

ಮಹಾತ್ಮ ಗಾಂಧಿ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಉದ್ಯೋಗ ಖಾತರಿ ಯೋಜನೆ- ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ

ಗಿತ್ತೆಮಾಧವ್ ವಿಠ್ಠಲ್ ರಾವ್
ಮುಖ್ಯಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.

"ಮಹಾತ್ಮ ಗಾಂಧಿ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಉದ್ಯೋಗ ಖಾತರಿ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ (MGNREGA) ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಲ್ಲ ನಡೆದ ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು - ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ರಸ್ತೆಗಳ ಸುಧಾರಣೆ, ರೈತರಿಗೆ ಖಾತ್ರಿಯಾದ ಸ್ಥಿರ ಆದಾಯ, ಬೂದುನೀರು ಮುಕ್ತ ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಮೂಲಭೂತ ಸೌಕರ್ಯಗಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ - ಗ್ರಾಮಸ್ಥರ ಜೀವನಮಟ್ಟವನ್ನು ಗಟ್ಟಿಗೊಳಿಸುತ್ತಿವೆ. ಮತ್ತು ನಿಮ್ಮ ಶ್ರಮದಿಂದ ನಿಮ್ಮ ಗ್ರಾಮಕ್ಕೆ ಬೆಳಕುತರಲಿ"

ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ರಸ್ತೆಯ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ: ಜಮೀನುಗಳಿಗೆ, ಹಳ್ಳಿಯಿಂದ ಹಳ್ಳಿಗೆ, ಸಮುದಾಯದ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯಗಳಿಗೆ ಸುರಕ್ಷಿತವಾಗಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕವನ್ನು ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಲು ಮಹಾತ್ಮ ಗಾಂಧಿ ನರೇಗಾ ಯೋಜನೆಯು ಮುಖ್ಯವಾಗಿದೆ. 1435 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಂದ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ರಸ್ತೆಯ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ರೈತರಿಗೆ ಖಾತ್ರಿಯಾದ ಸ್ಥಿರ ಆದಾಯ: ಮಹಾತ್ಮಗಾಂಧಿ ನರೇಗಾ ಯೋಜನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ2400 ರೈತರುಗಳಿಗೆ ಬಹುವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಬೆಳೆ ಪ್ರದೇಶವಿಸ್ತರಣೆಯಿಂದ ರೈತರಿಗೆ ಖಾತ್ರಿಯಾದ ಸ್ಥಿರ ಆದಾಯ.

ಬೂದು ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ ಮುಕ್ತ ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳಿಗೆ ಮೊದಲ ಹೆಜ್ಜೆ : ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ 12 ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳ ಬೂದುನೀರು ಮುಕ್ತ ಗ್ರಾಮವನ್ನಾಗಿ ಮಾಡಲಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಈ 12 ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳಲ್ಲಿ 708 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಅನುಷ್ಟಾನಿಸಲಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಇದರಿಂದ ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಉತ್ತಮ ಆರೋಗ್ಯಕರ ಪರಿಸರ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣವಾಗಲಿದೆ.

ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳಿಗೆ ಮೂಲಭೂತ ಸೌಕರ್ಯ : ಕೆರೆ, ನೀರಾವರಿ, ಉತ್ತಮ ಚರಂಡಿ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ, ಅಂಗನವಾಡಿ, ಶಾಲಾ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ, ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಸಂತೆ, ಗ್ರಾಮ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡ,ಸಮುದಾಯದ ಸೋಕ್ ಫಿಟ್, ಸ್ಮಶಾನ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ, ಇತ್ಯಾದಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನದಿಂದ ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳ ಮೂಲಭೂತ ಸೌಕರ್ಯಗಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗೆ ಸಾಕ್ಷಿಯಾಗಿದೆ.

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Vedanta Iron Ore Karnataka Reaffirms Commitment to Karnataka's Progress

In a grand celebration marking the 70th Kannada Rajyotsava, Vedanta Iron Ore Karnataka (IOK) reaffirmed its deep commitment to the people of Karnataka, celebrating the rich heritage of the state and its enduring progress. Held at the Meghalahalli Complex in Bheemasamudra, the event saw an impressive turnout of over 2,000 local community members, company employees, workers, and their families. The occasion was graced by Geetha CK, an award-winning Kannada poet, educator, and writer, who was invited as the chief guest.

The celebrations kicked off with the soulful rendition of 'Naada Geethe', the state anthem of Karnataka, before the formal programme commenced with the lighting of a ceremonial lamp. This act symbolised the spreading of peace and light to all present. Among the key speakers were Mrs Geetha CK, Shrishaila Gouda, CEO of Vedanta IOK, and several other prominent figures from the company and local community.

Before the festivities, Vedanta IOK launched its 'Raktadaan Abhiyan 2.0', a blood donation initiative held in collaboration with local hospitals and blood banks. Over the past year, the initiative has helped collect more than 1,100 units of blood, directly contributing to the region's healthcare infrastructure.

Navin Jaju, CEO of Vedanta Sesa Goa, took the opportunity to extend heartfelt congratulations to the people of Karnataka on the milestone occasion. "On behalf of Vedanta Sesa Goa, I extend our warmest wishes on Karnataka Rajyotsava," he said. "This is a time to reaffirm our commitment to the holistic progress of the state. Through initiatives such as blood donation drives, mobile health units, agricultural support, education, IT literacy, and women's empowerment, we aim to contribute meaningfully to the state's growth."

Chief Guest Geetha CK reflected on the significance of the day, celebrating Karnataka's rich culture and heritage, while also recognising the contributions of people from across India who have supported the state's development. She lauded the partnership between Vedanta Sesa Goa and local organisations in facilitating the blood donation drive, which saw more than 500 units of blood donated as part of Raktadaan Abhiyan 2.0.

"Blood donation is the gift of life, and we are proud to partner with Vedanta Sesa Goa - Iron Ore Karnataka for this noble cause. This initiative is a shining example of public-private collaboration in addressing critical community needs," said Vamadevappa, Administrative Officer at Sri Taralabalu Jagadguru Brihanmath, Sirigere.

Vedanta IOK has long demonstrated its dedication to community welfare through various transformative Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) initiatives. Over the past year, the company has planted over 60,000 trees in partnership with the Srigere Mutt in Chitradurga, contributing to local environmental sustainability. In addition, efforts to desilt village ponds have increased their catchment capacity by approximately 100,000 cubic metres in the 2023-24 financial year.

The company has also been active in enhancing the livelihoods of local communities through its Alternative Livelihood Opportunity Project (ALOP), which has supported over 6,000 individuals in boosting agricultural productivity. Through its Project 'Aarogya', Vedanta IOK has enhanced the healthcare landscape for rural communities, with more than 84,000 beneficiaries receiving medical care via mobile health units, health camps, and awareness sessions.

Shrishaila Gouda, CEO of Vedanta IOK, reiterated the company's continued dedication to the prosperity of Karnataka's communities. "On this significant occasion, we remain firmly committed to contributing to Karnataka's growth and socio-economic development. Our work, from education and health to skill development and women empowerment, aims to create lasting, transformative progress," he said.

Vedanta IOK has placed a strong emphasis on education and youth development, with its 'Utkarsh' Scholarship programme supporting over 800 meritorious students from underprivileged backgrounds. Additionally, the 'Back to School' initiative under Project Vridhhi has benefitted over 3,000 students in Chitradurga, providing them with school kits and infrastructure improvements, including sanitation blocks, science labs, and hall constructions.

The company's commitment to empowering youth through skill development continues with its 'Unnati' initiative, which provides placement-linked training. This effort was further reinforced by the Mega Job Mela in August 2025, where over 450 local youths secured positions with reputed organisations. Vedanta IOK has also set up computer centres and labs to provide digital skills, including a specialised lab for differently-abled children at the Teekshana Blind School.

Women empowerment remains a key pillar of Vedanta IOK's CSR initiatives, with the company offering vocational training for rural women at its Vedanta Tailoring Training Centres. These centres align with the National Skill Development Corporation's curriculum, ensuring that women are equipped with valuable skills for independent livelihoods.

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'United Karnataka Not a Result of Its CULTURAL ROOTS'

Late Patil Puttappa, a writer, veteran journalist and activist based in Hubballi had vehemently stated that the credit of unification should go to North Karnataka

Karnataka's heterogeneous linguistic and religious ethnicity along with their long histories have contributed immensely to the varied cultural heritage of the state. But in my opinion, to state that the cultural roots of different parts of Karnataka have kept the State united is inaccurate. Over the years, it is North Karnataka which has contributed immensely towards keeping the State united and in enriching the land, language and culture.

Before discussing any 'cultural binding' between different parts of Karnataka, namely Bombay Karnataka, Mysore Karnataka, Coastal Karnataka, and Hyderabad Karnataka, it would be important to know the driving force behind the unification of Karnataka and the people who played a pivotal role in the formation the new state of Karnataka, then Mysore.

The movement for united Karnataka started in Dharwad way back in 1856. Kannada language was suppressed for a long period; Marathi, Urdgu, Telugu and English affecting growth of the language. Add to that, Kannada had no godfathers to help in its survival.

Although Dharwad was in the heart of the Kannada country, it was considered part of Mumbai government. Because of the predominance of Marathi, Kannada areas in Bombay state were wrongly called as Southern Maratha country.

The revival of Kannada started from Dharwad when Channabasappa was appointed as Principal of a school in 1861. Later, as the Deputy Educational Inspector, he strived to establish Kannada medium schools and hostels in the Bombay-Karnataka region.

In 1890, R H Deshpande returned from Bombay and established the Dharwad based Karnataka Vidyavardhaka Sangh along with like-minded young men, such as Rodda Srinivasrao, Karpur Srinivasrao, Koujalagi Srinivasrao, Gadigeyya Honnapurmath and Alur Venkat Rao.

Deshpande and his core team then met the Diwan of Mysore, M Visweswaraya in Bangalore and prevailed on him to establish a Kannada centre to fight for Kannada language. Their persuasion prevailed on Visweswaraya to establish the Kannada Sahitya Parishat in 1915.

Widely regarded as one of the pillars of modern Kannada literature, Prof B M Srikanthaiah was another individual responsible for reviving Kannada language. He was associated with its modernisation with a band of young Kannada writers whom he had nurtured.

While these individuals were fighting for the Kannada cause, Mysore state's Kannada leaders were very enthusiastic about a united Karnataka state. But when the Maharaja gave them the reigns of responsible positions, their enthusiasm slowly melted away because they were enjoying the fruits of their own government. Only a few leaders were for united Karnataka, Kengal Hanumantaiah being one.

When demand for a new Karnataka state was gathering momentum, Mysore was nowhere near the fighting arena. Only a handful of leaders such as Khadri Shamana, Harnahalli Ramaswamy, Shantaveri Gopalagowda, Mallikarjunappa Gowda, Ballri Siddamma, Ganji Veerappa were supporting the movement.

When formation of the new state of Karnataka was on the anvil, the leaders of Mysore agreed for unification with their own interpretation. Though they fought for a united state, they demanded that the new state should be named 'Mysore', the Maharaja should be made the governor, and Bangalore its capital. Those who fought for the unification agreed to all these demands, being satisfied with coming together as a new state.

The fight for a new Karnataka state reached its crescendo when people carried out their struggle into the state and courted imprisonment. In 1953, Adaragunchi Shankaragowda, a noted freedom fighter, undertook a fast unto death demanding united Kannada state. His fight for Karnataka unification made history when the news was published in the *New York Times*.

Following the limelight, the Government of India constituted a three-man committee to reorganise the states on linguistic bases. The Committee was headed by retired chief justice of India, Fazal Ali. Pandit Hridayanath Kunzru and Sardar K M Panikkar were its members.

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Post Unification

When the new state was created in 1956, the areas of old Mysore were already developed in all aspects, a fact visible even today.

North Karnataka was backward and the Nizam territories were much more underdeveloped than the area under the British Rule, mainly Mumbai Karnataka.

People of Mysore had a sense of superiority, which prevails even after 62 years of unification.

When the new state was formed, it started with a disadvantage. The old secretariat began functioning as the secretariat of the new state. A handful of secretariat staff came from Bombay, a meager number from Madras and quite a few from Hyderabad.

So, the new secretariat functioned just as a secretariat of old Mysore. Every year, when the time to allocate funds came in March, the officers behaved unfairly.

And the differences can be seen even now. For instance, Belikeri Port towards the West Coast in Ankola could have been an excellent all-weather port, but there was no godfather to help in its development.

Even writers like Pu Ti Narasimhachar were of the opinion that all the trouble of the state are heaped by Bengaluru. A report prepared by retired bureaucrat Chiranjeevi Singh, 30 years ago, pending before the government, has not been accepted. The report batted for a new capital along the Tungabhadra River, keeping the river bank as the centre and developing the city ten miles around it.

CEMENTING FACTOR

Although the North Karnataka region has been awfully neglected in every respect, the only cementing factor is the Kannada language, not any cultural roots. Since the region is quite rich in all aspects, it has never been dependent on other parts of the state.

Take the example of kingdoms that ruled the state. Only Wodeyar dynasty and Tippu Sultan ruled a tiny part of the state, but Chalukyas of North Karnataka had spread its rule up to Nepal. Vijaynagara Kingdom, Rashtrakootas, and Kadambas had also left indelible mark in the history of the nation.

The Kavirajamarga was authored during the rule of Rashtrakootas. Kannada language was made richer during Vachana and Dasa movements that emanated from North Karnataka. Sarvajnya, the most progressive poet, was from this region and made Kannada language to reach the common man. During the rule of Chalukyas, Kannada was spread even in the Eastern part of the nation.

Culturally also, North Karnataka has remained way ahead in various forms of arts as compared to that of other parts of the state. Even in the field of music, fine arts and performing arts, the region carved a niche for itself.

So, in my opinion, the statement or argument that the cultural roots of different parts of the Karnataka kept the state united holds no water.

(Patil Puttappa embarked on to his heavenly abode on 16 March 2020. He had written this article for The New Indian Express on Rajyotsava Day in 2017. He was the founder-editor of the now-defunct Kannada daily Vishwavani and weekly Prapancha.)

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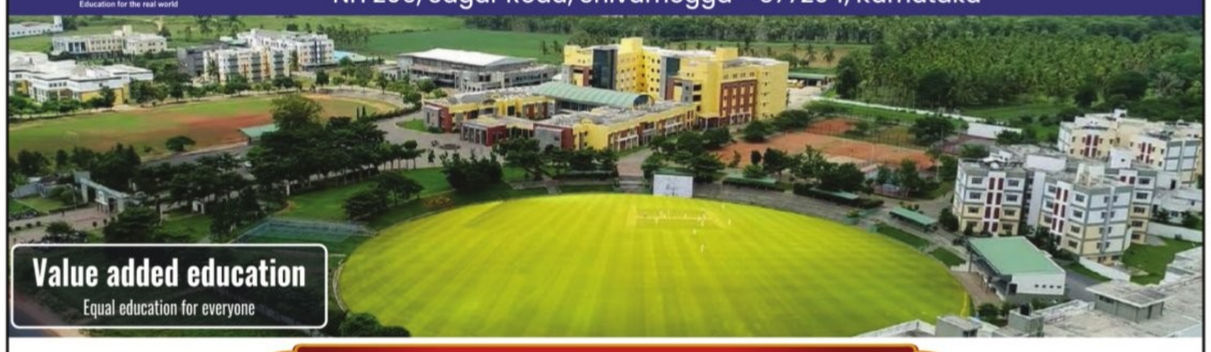

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CHAIRMAN'S TALK

Dr Gregory Lobo
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As we celebrate ten wonderful years of St. Mary's PU College, my heart is full. It feels like just yesterday that we started this journey - with 55 students and 8 staff members, a few classrooms, and a big dream. Today, when I see this beautiful 10- acre green campus, I feel nothing but gratitude. When we began, we didn't just want to build another college. We wanted to build a home for learning - a place where students would feel cared for, where teachers would inspire, and where parents could trust that their children were in good hands. In 2021, when we finally moved into our own campus, it felt like a dream come true. From our very first batch, our students have made us proud - earning ranks in NEET, JEE, KCET, and the Board exams.

But what moves me most are not just the ranks. It's the stories behind them - the students who struggled, who stayed back late, who fell and got up again, and who eventually stood tall as toppers. Those journeys remind us why we do what we do. Our parents have been our biggest strength. Their trust and constant support kept us going even in the toughest times. Many of them tell me, "Chairman, you are always available to us. "The truth is, I've always believed that listening is the first step to understanding. At St. Mary's, we believe in listening - to our students, to our parents, and to our teachers. That's what makes us one big family. As I stand here today, I think of all the teachers, colleagues, and friends who have been part of this journey - some who are with us now, and some who were there in the beginning, laying the foundation for what we see today. Each one has contributed to this story of growth. Ten years is not just a number. It's a collection of dreams, efforts, and countless memories.

As we look ahead, I pray that we continue to grow with the same love and purpose that brought us here. With a heart full of gratitude, I thank God, our students, teachers, and parents.

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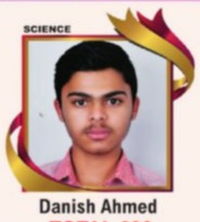
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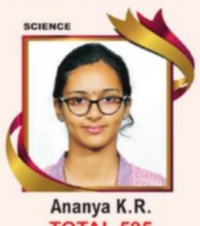
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